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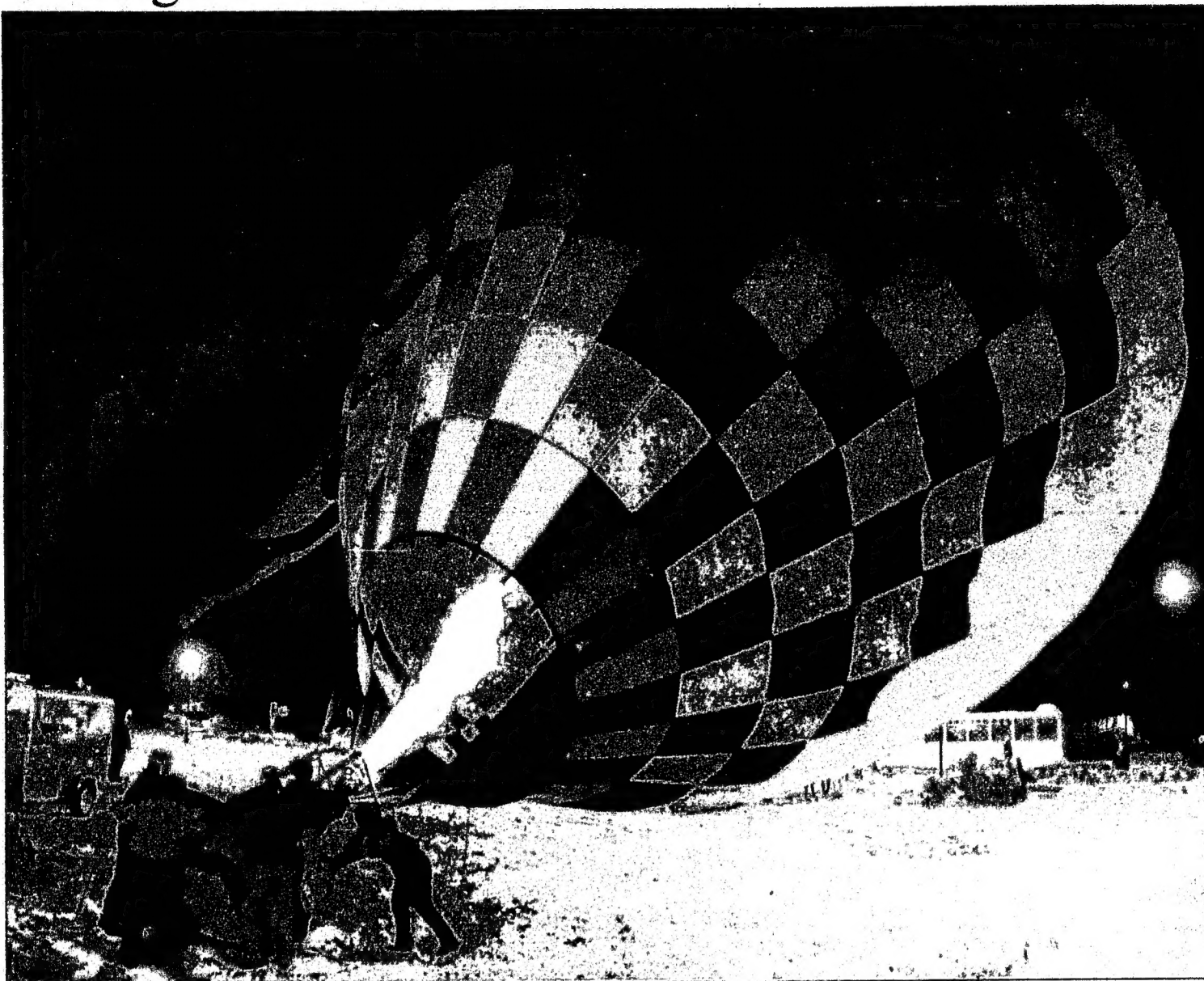
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To brighten WinterFest memories – fire in the hole



Several hot air balloons provided a "photo op" Saturday evening on the grounds next to the Norway Savings Bank in Bethel. Balloonists lit the flames that inflate their craft in order for spectators to take pictures. Sunday morning, people turned out at the Bethel Airport to take early morning balloon flights. See photo, page 6. The balloons were one of the many Bethel WinterFest events that took place in the area last week.
(Photo: A. Aloisio)

Campground owner proposes a footbridge connecting Hastings Island to the mainland

By ALISON ALOISIO
Bethel Pathway walkers could soon have a new bridge on which to cross over the Androscoggin.

Jeff Parsons wants to build a 500-foot-long bridge over the river, from his Bethel Outdoor Adventures Campground to nearby Hastings Island, and make it accessible to the public.

Parsons has filed a Natural Resources Protection Act permit application with the

Maine Department of Environmental Protection for the two-part bridge, totaling 400 feet in length.

BOA owns the 37-acre island. Parsons said in the application he wants to make the island more easily accessible to campers.

"Additionally, we will make the bridge and the island available to the public as an off-shoot of the Bethel Pathway,

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Maine A.G. prepares complaint in BWD's Bingham Trust case

By ALISON ALOISIO

The Maine Attorney General's Office plans to file a court complaint against the Bethel Water District, alleging the BWD is violating the terms of the trust governing the district's watershed land.

But on Friday, the chair of the BWD Board of Trustees will meet with AG representatives to try to work out an

Step seen as formality in moving toward agreement.

agreement on the future of the land and on the possible modification of the trust.

If approved by the BWD board, such an agreement would be presented in Oxford County Superior Court at the same time as the complaint,

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Condor Military Operating Area

A-10 'Warthogs' fly away, enter F-15 'Eagles'

By MICHAEL DANIELS

A shift has occurred in the mix of military hardware winging over our heads.

But just what impact that change will have on the amount of noise residents of western Maine — or visitors here — hear from low-flying fighter jets is still unclear.

The change involves the 104th Fighter Wing of the Massachusetts Air National Guard, which has recently completed a conversion from A-10 "Warthogs" to F-15 "Eagles."

Those nicknames suggest the differences between the relatively slow, ground-hugging A-10 and the much faster, higher-flying F-15.

Major Matthew Mutti, of the 104th, describes the difference

as this way:

"The A-10 was an air-to-ground attack platform. Its primary mission was to provide close air support and provide combat search and res-

fighter which was designed around a large forward-facing radar which enables the pilot to see targets in the open sky from miles away. It flies very fast (Mach 1.8) versus the A-

The nicknames suggest the differences between the relatively slow, ground-hugging A-10 and the much faster, higher-flying F-15.

cue capabilities to the soldiers on the ground.

"The A-10 was designed around a primary cannon, which was designed to engage ground targets.

"The F-15 differs greatly. The F-15 is an air-dominance

10 which flew very slow (.7 Mach).

"With those differences in missions, you can see how the training in each platform would differ greatly.

"The A-10's training (90 percent) was performed at lower

altitudes, 5K feet and below, the F-15 (70 percent) is performed at above 12K feet.

"Occasionally the F-15 will practice tracking objects at lower altitudes and over the terrain, and thus requiring the Condor Air Space, but predominantly their training is performed over the water (Atlantic), where as the A-10 performed most if not all its training over the ground."

The "Condor" Mutti referred to is the Condor Military Operating Area, a restricted military operating area that overlies approximately 200 square miles of western Maine, with the Bethel area in its southwest corner.

Currently, military opera-

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Pub's walls offer 'A feast for the eyes'

By ALISON ALOISIO

They come from diverse professions: building contractor, office manager, retired engineer, teacher and pilot.

But these and other Bethel area residents all love art. Many pursue it as a hobby, while others sell some of their pieces.

Their work is now featured on the walls of the Sunday River Brewing Co. in Bethel, another example of displaying local art in local businesses and other venues.

SRBC manager Jon Octera said the idea to display the art-

work was born last year, after the restaurant featured local musicians as entertainment.

"It opened up my eyes to how much local talent there is in town," he said. "It sparked the idea for local artists to have their work in a high traffic spot."

Octera and fellow-manager Willow Andrews worked with local musician/artist Jewel Clark to collect work for display.

In December, the work of William Patrick, Alan Crane, Tony Andrews, Marvin Ow-
wings, Troy Jordan, Gary Po-

lonski, Seneca Corriveau and Clark was hung throughout the restaurant.

Their media included oil, acrylic water color, and pastel.

Two paintings, one by Jordan and one by Clark, have sold.

Many are not for sale. Ow-
wings, a retired Gould Academy teacher, has two seascape paintings hanging on the walls.

He said the restaurant display adds another connection

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This Week's Specials

Thursday - Baked Ziti \$6"
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Saturday - Prime Rib \$7"
Sunday - Pot Roast \$6"
Mon - Chicken Pot Pie \$6"
Tuesday - Beef Stew \$6"
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Letters

NO CHANGE IN RESPONSE TIMES

To the Editor:

On Tuesday, Feb. 9, 2010 at 7 p.m. in the Crescent Park Elementary School Gymnasium voters will have the opportunity to discuss, debate, and, ultimately, decide the future of law enforcement services in Bethel.

Given the importance of this vote, the Selectmen convened a public hearing on Jan. 11 in order to get more information and to hear from citizens. I was asked to put together a short presentation on cost, current PD staff turn-over, and the Sheriff's proposal.

The hearing was well attended and the discussion was excellent. I felt there was, and continues to be, some confusion on one topic, however (perhaps it was not presented clearly enough): response time under the Sheriff's Office.

Under the proposal the Sheriff's Office will permanently assign deputies to Bethel. Those deputies will patrol the town in the same way that Bethel police officers patrol the town now.

This is not the same situation our more rural neighbors have, where the Sheriff is responsible for providing law enforcement, but citizens may have to wait for a deputy to arrive from another part of the county.

Under the dedicated coverage system if you have an emergency, you may have to wait for an officer from another part of Bethel.

In short, there will be no change in response times between the Bethel Police Department and dedicated Oxford County Sheriff's coverage.

James G. Doar
Town Manager

ANDOVER G.O.P. CAUCUS

To the Editor:

The Andover Town Committee has announced that Andover Republicans will caucus on Saturday, Feb. 6, at 6 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, C.E.B. in Andover village.

The purpose of the caucus is to elect delegates and alternates to the State Convention, elect members of the Oxford County Republican Committee, and organize for the upcoming elections.

All Andover Republicans are urged to attend.

The State Convention will be held in Portland on May 7 and 9, 2010.

For more information call me at 392-1921,

Paula Smith
Andover

WEST PARIS LIBRARY THANKS

To the Editor:

The Friends of the West Paris Library thank all who contributed to the Winter 2009 "Let Your Light Shine" fundraiser. On Dec. 15 the sparkling white lights outlining the library were lit and a big red heart in the window glowed. The night was cold, but hearts were warm with gratitude toward the many people and businesses that have made it possible to build a new library addition this year.

Lights were given in honor or in memory of family and friends, so that the new library addition will always give tribute to these special people, and also to the community spirit of the donors. These lights will remain to cheer the winter nights until Valentine's Day.

The addition is well on its way to completion. This would not be the case without the support of the West Paris community, school children, local contractors and businesses, as well as individuals and businesses from surrounding towns. This support comes in many ways: financial, giving of time and talent, encouragement, and faithful patronship.

The library plans to reopen on Saturday, Feb. 6, at 2 p.m. with a Grand Opening Celebration; the snow date is Feb. 7. The trustees and Friends of the Library invite you to come and celebrate with us.

Thank you all for your ongoing support.

Les and Priscilla Pulsifer
For Friends of the West Paris Library

NORDIC RACE, CLINIC THANKS

To the Editor:

On Jan. 24, the Bethel Nordic Ski Center co-hosted a Biathlon Clinic and Race with the Southern Maine Biathlon Club (SMBC). Thank you to the SMBC and all the participants and volunteers who helped to make the event on Sunday a success. Joel Hinshaw and his crew from SMBC did a fabulous job teaching skiers how to properly use Biathlon rifles and educating participants about Biathlon racing. Their expertise, organizational skills, and calm presence were invaluable in the success of this event.

Thank you to all the volunteers who contributed their time on Sunday; we had many responses from community members who were willing to help out and ensure that the event ran smoothly.

It was great to see so many skiers out there, many of whom were new to Biathlon. We hope to offer this event again next year and continue to create excitement about this sport.

Mike Cooper and Sarah Weaver
Bethel Nordic Ski Center

BETHEL NEEDS TO HEAR YOUR VOICE

To the Editor:

For years, the town of Bethel has attempted to deal with the issue of providing police protection that is timely and effective. It seemed the only way to have an effective response to a domestic assault situation or a serious accident was to have a local police force on the spot immediately since having a county or state officer here sometimes took what many considered too much time. I have long supported this arrangement as the only practical approach to the situation.

Now we have before us, another option of a well-trained, professional force provided by the County Sheriff's Department dedicated to providing 24-hour protection for the town. The Sheriff's department currently has a substation in the former National Forest building adjoining the cloverleaf on Route 2, which will provide more space for police functions. Officers will all be academy-trained with higher pay and better benefits than are currently being offered to the Bethel police force. In addition, another advantage is the professional back up that will be available to the town (such as detectives) that is currently absent from today's status.

I think we need to consider this option seriously as "a way forward" to improving our police services and giving us a more stable force reflecting the retention reputation that the current sheriff has enjoyed since assuming the post several years ago. If the decision is made to go with a contract with the county, any issues with the police force can be handled by the town manager communicating with Sheriff Gallant. In addition, in an era when every dollar must count for more, the cost of this option will be notably less than the amount we are currently paying.

So on Feb. 9, all Bethel voters are asked to consider this new option. My colleague on the Board of Selectmen, Don Bennett, is concerned that we will not have as good a representation of opinion as might be present at the annual meeting in June to decide this question. Since I think we need to decide this very important question now, I have gone "out on a limb" to say that I believe we will have a good turnout. In fact, I have bet him a dinner that we will. So come, listen to the discussion, and make your choice. Regardless of how the decision goes, the people of Bethel will have spoken and I and the rest of the Board will then know what course to follow.

Stan Howe
Bethel

QUESTIONS NEED TO BE ANSWERED

To the Editor:

Where do you go to get a gallon of milk? A couple of miles down the road to the closest store, or 30 minutes out of your way because it's cheaper? Most of us go to the closest store because it just makes sense.

Now, who do you call when you need an ambulance? Do you want the closest service you can get as soon as you can get it, or do you want to wait for 30 minutes for one further away because it's cheaper? Again, most of us would opt for closer right?

Now imagine you don't have that choice. As your loved one is lying unconscious, or in pain on the floor, you will have to wait 30 minutes, maybe more for an ambulance! Why? Because that's all there is.

This is a realistic possibility for the citizens of West Paris, Greenwood, Sumner, and Milton. There is no doubt that Tri Town Rescue is in financial turmoil, and is likely to close soon, but what can be done? A lot can be done.

The select board in West Paris is the lone holdout on a plan to merge Med Care and Tri Town Rescue, and keep an ambulance service based centrally to these towns for the citizens who need it. Maybe an ambulance based in Norway is acceptable to the people of West Paris; at least it seems to be to the select board. So what about Sumner, Greenwood, and Milton? These towns are considerably further away from Norway than West Paris, and would undoubtedly be better served by an ambulance service based much closer.

I think it's important to have the right information before making such an important decision, so here are some questions I would encourage you to ask your select board, and your potential ambulance services:

- 1) Where will the ambulance be based?
- 2) Will the ambulance be committed to our area or be taken away to cover other towns?
- 3) How many towns do you cover, and how far are they from mine?
- 4) How soon can you get to "my" house from where you are based?
- 5) Will the ambulance be in our area 24 hours a day?
- 6) How many ambulances do you have to cover all these towns with?
- 7) What will happen if its busy in another town you cover?
- 8) Will you have first responders until an ambulance can get to me?

These are all very critical questions that need to be answered, because time counts more than money in an emergency.

It is unfortunate that it has come down to the almighty dollar over the care of a sick or injured person.

You, the citizens of these towns still have time to make a difference, and get the care you deserve. Go to your town office, and demand to be informed. Ask the difficult questions. Demand answers. Make an informed decision. Your life is in your hands.

Kevin Davis
Woodstock

WILDERNESS LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

To the Editor:

Don't miss out on the opportunity to participate in the 2010 Maine Youth Wilderness Leadership Program sponsored by the Friends of Baxter State Park and funded by the Quimby Family Foundation.

We all began our association with Baxter State Park with an association with someone who had been before us or a tale told to us about Mount Katahdin or the wildlife they saw. Many of us began our journey to the park as a child and some as adults but the same result always seemed to happen. We couldn't get enough of the Baxter State Park experience.

It is that very experience that the Friends of Baxter State Park want to provide at no cost to high school sophomores and juniors.

The program is scheduled for August 7-15, 2010. Participants get to hike, canoe, sit around a campfire, hear a story or two and learn more about Maine's premier wilderness area from resource professionals and artists.

The key is to act quickly and complete the MYWLP application located at www.friendsofbaxter.org. The deadline is Feb. 15, 2010 and the application is very easy to fill out and can be e-mailed directly to the program coordinator at the following address: Jonathan.Milne@maineoutdoors@gmail.com.

Jonathan Milne
Program Coordinator, Maine Youth Wilderness Leadership Program

WINTERFEST THANKS

To the Editor:

Now that the 2010 Bethel WinterFest has come and gone, I can sincerely say that this has been a true community effort! A huge thanks is extended to Norway Savings Bank for their Presenting Sponsorship.

We had a fantastic first weekend with sunny skies, warm temps and thousands of visitors to the snow maze, ice skating rink, sliding hill and other area events. The untimely Monday rainstorm did some serious damage to our Festival Plaza — but our committed team of volunteers refused to give in.

New partnerships had to be developed in order to do the repairs needed, and we would like to thank Sunday River Resort for the use of their snowmaking fan gun, Pro Quip Equipment Rentals for the use of a compressor and generator, and Jim Bennett for the continued use of his equipment. Cross Excavation and the town of Bethel also helped with bringing snow in from the airport. Our on-site crew who worked diligently to make snow and repair the snow maze and hill were: Jim Bennett, Bob Westfall, Keith Hamill, Josh McAllister, David Walker, Rebecca Hastings, Jim Sysko, Al Sumner, Bud Kulik and Jim Sheibe. We owe them a huge debt of thanks for their hard work!

Several more restaurants stepped up to help us feed our hungry volunteers through the end of the construction phase: Kowloon Village, Funky Red Barn, Sudbury Inn, Rooster's Roadhouse, Bethel's Best, as well as the others mentioned in the last thank you letter. The Thursday night Main Street Rail Jam, another first-time event for Bethel, was a huge success thanks to the hard work of many volunteers: Nate Clukey, Savage Contracting, Jim Bennett, Kevin Rosenberg, lots of unnamed, but appreciated shovelers; our road crew: Read Dickinson, Ellie Andrews, Colleen Files, Alison Aloisio, Steve Wight, Darlene Ginsberg, Hiram Towle, Joyce Roma, Karen Saito, Jonathan Goldberg, Carole and Richard Duplessis and Robin Bennett. Event sponsors were: Sudbury Inn, Home Slice Pizza, Hot Taco, Oakley, Ride 207, Pinnacle Snowboard Shop, Cho Sun, Ed and Amy Yasko and rail donors, Sunday River and Mt. Abram Resorts. Thanks also to the town of Bethel for allowing us to hold this event.

The weekend brought the hot air balloonists to Bethel and we'd like to thank those possible for this: Sponsor Allen's Coffee Brandy, Dead River Company for the propane; Good Food Store for the champagne and lodging donated by: Knoll Inn Resort, Hastings Suites, Victoria Inn, Perennial Inn, Wilderness House and Nordic Knoll. Several volunteers stepped up to help: Peggy Wight, Susan Isham, Lynne Ortega, Mike Steven, Ellie Andrews, Jonathan Goldberg, and Carol and John Emery.

Additional thanks to Amy and Kevin Marshall, Shirley Powell, Todd Conani and Carol Savage for their help on the Plaza this weekend and to Bennett Lumbering for the bonfire wood. If I left anyone out, I apologize.

We encourage everyone to continue to use and enjoy the snow maze, sliding hill and ice skating rink for the remainder of the winter. Please feel free to use the community skates and then return them to their storage spot when you are done for others to enjoy.

Happy winter everyone!

Robin Zinchuk
Executive Director, Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce

Our Back Pages

Compiled by Danna Brown Nickerson

10 years ago: The Wiley Block was undergoing renovations to return it to a look similar to its 1890s appearance.

The structure being built on the village common to hold Bethel's old fire bell was nearly completed.

Terri Littlehale of Newry, a dispatcher at the Oxford County Sheriff's Dept. was named Communications Officer of the Year by the Maine Sheriff's Association.

Deaths: William Whytock, Michael Harmon.

20 years ago: State Rep. Jeffrey N. Mills announced his candidacy for the District 8 Senate seat held by retiring Sen. Edgar Erwin.

Nearly 500 works of art created by Ethel Bisbee and Crescent Park pupils were on display at the Bethel Inn Conference Center.

The Bethel Outing Club, Gould Academy and Sunday River Cross Country Ski Center sponsored a skiathlon which was held at Gould.

Birth: Kaitlyn Morgan Gatchell.

Deaths: Mary H. Fleming, Everett W. Chase, Cecil L. Morgan.

30 years ago: A poster contest for National Children's Dental Health Week was being held for children in grades K-6.

Stanley Howe of the Bethel Historical Society presented a program on William B. Lapham at a meeting of the Woodstock Historical Society.

The Oxford County Shrine Club held its annual meeting at the Bethel Inn.

Births: Nicole Lynn and Trisha Marie Murphy, Macy Jon Blaisdell.

Death: Mrs. Sylvie E. Cross.

40 years ago: Mr. and Mrs. Roger Conant were named the new fundraising co-chairmen for Oxford County 4-H Clubs.

The Reverend Thomas L. Caton was the newly elected pastor of the West Parish Congregational Church.

Births: Daren Christie Nowlin, Michael Dixon, Ethan Marcus Otero.

Deaths: Leigh S. Flynt, Mrs. Annie E. Morgan, Archie Smith, Orrie O. Bachelder.

50 years ago: A junior ski club was being organized by a group of interested parents, with the approval of the Sunday River Skiway.

Birth: Maryanne Ruth House.

Deaths: James W. Hibbs, Olaf W. Dwinall.

60 years ago: Philip H. Chadbourne was elected a director at large of the Maine Publicity Bureau for a three-year term.

On days when skiing was suitable to run the tow, a bus, leaving Frank Nary's house with a stop at Dick Young's service station, provided free transportation.

Deaths: Mrs. Margaret Keddy, Mrs. Mary Ella Clark, Mrs. Mandy H. Lapham, Mrs. Minnie F. Kimball, Rev. Charles A. Forbes, George D. Verrill, Mrs. Ada O. Lord.

70 years ago: The Hanover Dowel Company bought the Bethel plant of the Stowell-MacGregor corporation, which had been idle four years.

80 years ago: Dr. and Mrs. George M. Twitchell celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

There was a five-day cold wave at 25 degrees below zero. Bernice Ripley, six months old, died of burns received when her parents' home at Wilson's Mills burned.

90 years ago: Norway high School forfeited a basketball game to Gould Academy at Bethel after one of their players was retired after committing four fouls.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Carter bought the Lucinda S. Edwards house on Broad Street.

Deaths: Leslie H. Chase, Ivan Heath.

100 years ago: The Merrill, Springer Company mill at Bethel was producing enough checkers every year to start 2,400,000 playing checkers at once.

Lyman Wheeler was using a gasoline engine to saw wood on Grover Hill.

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Fund set up for fire victims in Woodstock

By LESLIE DIXON, Sun Media Wire

Fundraising efforts have begun for an 8-year-old Woodstock Elementary School girl and her mother, whose house was destroyed by fire late Sunday night.

No one was home Sunday when fire leveled the home of Meredith Mink of 138 Old Country Road. Mink was with her daughter, a pupil at the school of about 80 students on Rumford Avenue just outside the village of Bryant Pond, visiting at Mink's parents' home in Bryant Pond over the weekend. The family's two kittens were also with them.

"It's a small town. They're very supportive. I'm sure everyone will jump right in," said school principal Jolene Littlehale of efforts that began Monday within the school.

The fundraising will continue later this week when the Parent Teacher Association meets and will discuss a more formal drive.

"The school PTA will meet Thursday night and we'll figure what to do," said Littlehale, who added that the association has an emergency fund it can draw from if necessary.

Fire Chief Jeff Inman said the fire began shortly before 10 p.m. Sunday in the small one-story, two-bedroom, wood-frame house.

Although access to the house, which is located on a main road between Route 26 and 219, was good, Inman said the cold and need to transport water to douse the fire presented problems for the firefighters who turned out from Woodstock, Greenwood, Bethel and West Paris.

"We had the usual water situation," said Inman of the need to pump water into tankers from the outlet of Bryant Pond. Although the temperature hovered around zero and water was freezing on the ground quickly, Inman said the highway department was at the scene immediately to sand the area. A PACE ambulance was also on the scene, but no injuries were reported.

"That's the most important thing," Inman said.

The chief said it took several hours to complete the work, which was hampered by the house's metal roof.

"It was holding the heat in. It was like cooking in a tin can," he said of the fire.

Firefighters also battled a noontime blaze Sunday that destroyed the wood shop of a West Paris retiree.

"We've got a tired crew," Inman said.

The state Fire Marshal's Office is investigating the cause of the accident, which is routine in Woodstock, Inman said.

Contributions for the Minks may be sent to: Woodstock PTA, c/o Woodstock Elementary School, 224 Rumford Ave., Bryant Pond, ME 04219.

Briefs

Another Wight for selectman?

NEWRY—Gary Wight told selectmen Monday he is considering running for the seat of selectman that will be vacated by the retirement of Steve Wight. Gary Wight, who also serves as chief of the Newry Fire Department, asked the board if he would be able to continue to serve in that capacity if elected. Town Administrator Loretta Powers said she would consult the Maine Municipal Association for an opinion. Residents will vote for a new selectmen at the annual Town Meeting in March.

OCSWR seeks new agreement

WOODSTOCK—Steve Bies of the Oxford County Solid Waste and Recycling board Tuesday requested a warrant article for the March Town Meeting to approve a new 20-year agreement among the 18 members towns and OCSWR. He told Woodstock selectmen that towns approving the agreement would have a 12-month opt-out option: any town wishing to withdraw may give a 12-month notice. "All our towns have a lot invested there [at the Norway facility]. There's an awful lot of money in all that equipment. If for some reason the organization as a whole dissolved, all the assets would be sold and shared by the members remaining at the time. So early withdrawal from the organization, rather than a movement to dissolve it, is costly to the town that leaves it," Bies said he mentioned that scenario because of the possibility of towns leaving OCSWR to adopt single-sort recycling through another agency. Bies also said OCSWR member-town dues will go up 38 percent this year, but would have gone up more had not OCSWR saved money in better financial years to buffer poor years. In the past 15 months, he said, OCSWR had only been bringing in 15 to 20 percent of previous revenues, as the price paid for recyclables dropped.

BWD optimistic on grant funding

BETHEL—The Bethel Water District is optimistic it will receive approval for two grant/loan packages that could help fund infrastructure improvements in West Bethel, according to BWD board chair Brent Angevine. If the district receives approval for both, the board would choose one, he said. "We've been told we'll likely get both," he said. One grant would be available through the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture, and would provide a 45 percent grant and 55 percent loan for the cost of the work. The loan would extend over 30 years at 3.5 percent, Angevine said. The second would come through the State Drinking Water Program as federal stimulus funding, he said. It would take the form of a 50 percent grant/50 percent loan, with the loan set at 0 percent for 20 years.

Testing for census

AREA—The U.S. Census Bureau is now taking applications for temporary employees to begin census work very soon. The pay is \$14.50 per hour, plus 50 cents per mile. Hours are flexible, between 20 and 40 per week. Many census workers have other full- or part-time jobs. Paid local training is provided, and will soon begin in February. The work will last for several weeks. Local testing is being held: Mondays: 10:30 a.m. at Crescent Park School in Bethel; 1 p.m. at the Newry Town Office; 6 p.m. at Telstar High School, Room 113. Tuesdays: 9 a.m. at the Upton Town Office (by appointment); 2 p.m. at the old Andover Town Hall on Elm Street; 6 p.m. at University College at Rumford/Mexico, 13 Brown Street, Mexico. Wednesdays: 10 a.m. at the Roxbury Town Hall; also 1 p.m. in the Rumford Town Hall upstairs auditorium; 6 p.m. at the Bethel Library. Thursdays are at 11 a.m. at the Lincoln Plantation Town Office on Route 16 (by appointment) and 6 p.m. at the Hanover Town Office. Walk-ins are welcome, but you must bring the proper IDs — either a valid passport, or a driver's license and SS card, or a driver's license and raised-seal birth certificate. Go to www.2010censusjobs.gov or call 1-866-861-2010 for more information or to schedule a test.

CORRECTION

A photo in the Jan. 21 Citizen of Uljas Murphy should have said he is the son of Carroll Murphy of Sweden and the stepson of John Kimball of Albany.

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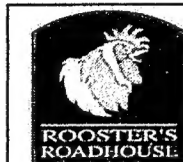
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Bridge

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which is 100 yards away on the other side of the campground," he said in the application. "We will develop a rough woods trail round the perimeter of the island."

The trail would be approximately one mile long.

The bridge, known as a Burma Bridge, would be constructed of cable and supported by steel towers set on concrete footings.

Foot only

The two-foot-wide walkway would have aluminum (or similar) treads.

"It is designed for foot traffic only, so four-wheeled vehicles, snowmobiles, or even a riding mower will not be able to cross," Parsons wrote. "The intent once the construction is done is to allow the bridge and its infrastructure to blend into the surrounds as naturally as possible."

The island vegetation is comprised mostly of bushes, with scattered mature trees,

Parsons said.

The bridge would have two parts. The first span would stretch approximately 250 feet to a tower on a small island. The second part would reach 150 feet to the main part of Hastings Island.

Together with the approach spans, the structure would measure 500 feet.

The bridge, said Parsons, would provide safer passage, particularly for young campers, who must now ford a shallow but fast-flowing section of the Androscoggin.

DEP has put out a notice saying that anyone requesting a public hearing or wishing to make comment during the process should contact its office in Portland.

If the project receives DEP approval, it is expected to come before the Bethel Planning Board in the spring.

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Trust

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according to Brent Angevine, board chair.

But a modification to the trust has its skeptics, including a BWD trustee and the Mahoosuc Land Trust, who have stated their positions in writing.

Background

In 1925 William Bingham II gave 2,358 acres of watershed land, located in Newry, in trust to the BWD's predecessor, the Bethel Water Co.

To protect the water the trust restricted wood harvesting on the parcel.

But Bingham stipulated that if the land were ever abandoned as a source of water supply or ceased to be used as such, the title to land would pass to the state of Maine, "to be by it forever held, maintained and managed as a public game preserve, bird or game sanctuary, public park or State Forest reserve as said State may determine, and under such conditions as said State may prescribe and designate."

In 2007 a flood in the watershed filled the brook with tons of gravel, boulders, and trees, essentially destroying it as a source of water.

The BWD then installed a series of new drilled wells on the North Road. Those wells, independent of the watershed, currently supply water to BWD customers.

The question then arose whether the land should go to the state.

Current BWD trustees said last fall they wanted to keep the watershed as a backup source of water, if needed.

They also listed several other goals:

They said they wanted to

modify the trust to allow more wood harvesting, in order to help fund infrastructure improvements.

They said they needed to work a 37-year-old land lease with Sunday River Ski Resort into the trust guidelines. Sunday River leases an 8.5 acre parcel at the top of the watershed.

They also said they favored modifying the trust to allow public access for trails and recreation.

The proposal prompted concerns among some local municipal and conservation officials.

Some were skeptical of the trustees' argument to keep the land as a backup water source, seeing that rationale instead as a means to hold on to it for logging.

Others were hesitant to modify the trust because, they said, it might set a precedent that would make landowners unwilling to put their faith in such trusts as a way to protect their land in the future.

Details of complaint

Last week a draft of the AG's complaint was sent to BWD superintendent Lucien Roberge.

The complaint draft alleges that the BWD is in violation of the trust because the land is not being used as a water supply; that the land lease to Sunday River is a violation; and that the trustees' proposed increase in timber harvesting for capital improvements would also be a violation.

The draft complaint asks the court for a declaration of the violations cited, and to issue an order enforcing the terms of the trust, as well as grant "such other and further relief

as justice requires, including application of the doctrine of cy pres or equitable deviation, if appropriate."

Last fall, State Rep. Jarrod Crockett (R-Bethel) told BWD trustees the AG's office believed the use of the land as a backup water supply would still qualify it for the use prescribed in the deed.

But he also said then that nothing on the status of the trust had been settled, because a court would have to consider the case.

Angevine said Tuesday the complaint's wording was what he had expected.

"That's what had to happen procedurally," he said.

Letter

The draft was accompanied by a letter dated Jan. 25 from Linda Conti, the chief of the AG's Consumer Protection Division. It reads in part:

"It is necessary for us to file a complaint so we can have the court review the trust document and determine which terms can be enforced and which terms should be modified due to changes in circumstances since the trust was created."

"Hopefully, this office will be able to reach an agreement with the district on how the outstanding issues should be resolved without resort to protracted litigation ..."

"There are several issues that will need to be resolved in a proceeding to modify the terms of the trust."

"Among them will be the lease that the district entered into, allowing ski area activities to take place on the property in violation of the terms of the trust created by Mr. Bingham."

"At a minimum, the district should be prepared to provide assurances that there will be no further violations in the nature of leases for purposes not contemplated by the trust deed."

"Further, the property can no longer serve as a water supply, and therefore the deed provides for title to the property to pass to the state."

"This office, however, is willing to discuss with the district the option of asking the court to apply the doctrine of cy pres, an equitable doctrine which would allow title to the property to remain with the district, provided certain conditions are satisfied."

"Finally, because of the protective restrictions that Mr. Bingham placed in the deed, this office has some concerns regarding the extent to which impacts associated with unfettered multi-use public access would be consistent with the terms of the trust."

The letter does not specifically mention the proposal to expand wood harvesting.

Conti, contacted Tuesday and asked about the omission, said that harvesting "is an issue for discussion and will be addressed in this process. We will look to the deed language and to the cy pres doctrine to address it."

(Note: Cy pres by Merriam Webster dictionary definition is a rule providing for the interpretation of an instrument as nearly as possible to the intent, when literal construction is illegal, impracticable, or impossible.)

Angevine will go to Augusta Friday to discuss a possible agreement with the AG's office.

Change of heart

The three BWD trustees were initially unanimous in proposing modifications to the trust, but since then one, Mike Broderick, changed his mind. Broderick now opposes revising the trust "for short term financial gain," he said.

In a November letter to Town Manager Jim Doar, Broderick wrote: "It becomes more obvious to me that, in an earnest attempt to provide value to the rate payers, we have proposed, and gathered a supportive group of non-objective co-conspirators to help us rationalize the abomination, to trample our benefactor's wishes and vision of a perpetually protected slice of Western Maine for the sake of expediency and money ..."

"Clearly Mr. Bingham had not chosen to provide the district with an ongoing revenue stream. That is what, and all, that our current path provides ..."

"I believe we should stop the current plan of action and offer to convey the parcel to the state in strict conformance to the will, see what the state decides to do, and let a constructive and faithful effort emerge from the process."

At the November meeting of the BWD board, a vote was taken to reconsider the trust modification proposal. Broderick voted against continuing the process, with Angevine and trustee Reggie Brown voting in favor of staying the course.

The trustees next meet Feb. 16 at the BWD office.

MLT's position paper

In December the Mahoosuc Land Trust Board of Trustees submitted a letter to the At-

torney General's office, stating the organization's position on the watershed issue. It reads, in part:

"MLT supports the Water District's interest in opening its watershed to the public for recreation and well-managed timber harvesting. However, we do not support changing the William Bingham deed of trust to accomplish this. Changing the deed of trust will set a precedent that could negatively impact future conservation projects in the area. Further, the deed as it stands is adequately flexible ..."

"Over the last 25 years, Maine has invested considerable resources to acquire conservation land in the Mahoosuc region. Some of the state acquired conservation land is located within five miles of Mr. Bingham's land. There is no practical reason the state cannot accept the land and either hold it for one of the future purposes articulated by the deed, or convey it to the town or other entity suited to manage the land as Mr. Bingham articulated."

The letter also states that because MLT receives funding from the Betterment Fund, established by Bingham, the board feels that MLT and other Bingham benefactors have a responsibility "to him, his vision and to the Betterment Fund to advocate for his legacy."

Landon Fake, chair of the Lands Committee of MLT, said Wednesday that his organization and BWD "are not that far apart on the watershed issues," and continue to communicate on them.

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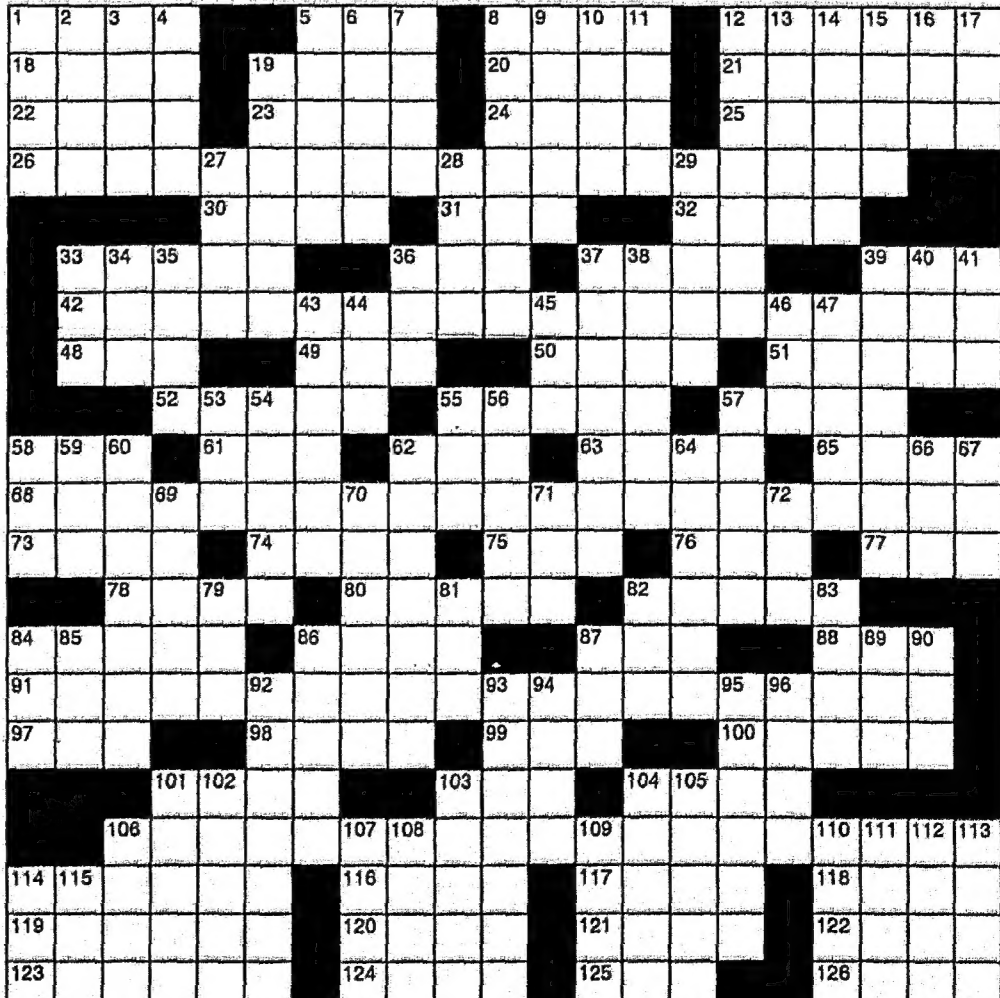
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Art

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in a growing network of local artists.

"There are many of us in this community who like to paint in different mediums. Some of us take classes," he said, including ones offered through the Western Mountains Senior College.

"I never sell anything. I do it for fun. Most of us aren't going to get out there on the common (for the annual Bethel Art Fair), but we like it when someone takes notice. We're going to do it anyway, and if people like it, great."

Other examples of informal venues for local art include displays at Dream Realty in Newry and the annual Shy, Novice Closeted Art Show at the home of Janet Willie in

Bethel.

New works on the way
The SRBC display is scheduled to change this month to a series of new artists. Octera said the plan is to rotate the art seasonally.

Clark said she's still looking for other artists to include, with an eye toward artwork done in schools. She also hopes to bring in the work of photographers.

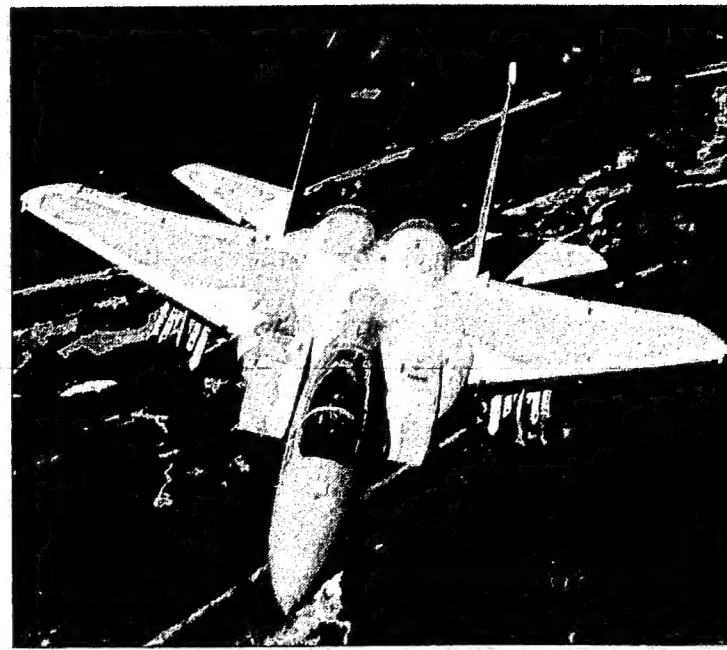
"It's a project in evolution," she said.

Clark said Ouwinga made an apt observation on art in a restaurant setting: "It's a feast for the eyes."

Anyone interested in talking to Clark about displaying work may contact her at 824-2517.

Overflights

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F-15 from the 104th Fighter Wing of the Massachusetts Air National Guard. (Photo: Senior Master Sgt. Robert Saboris)

tions in Condor are limited to altitudes between 7,000 and 18,000 feet, but the ANG has applied to the Federal Aviation Administration for permission to lower the Condor operating floor to 300 feet.

Asked how, if at all, the 104th's conversion to F-15s relates to the ANG's proposal for a lower training floor, Mutti replied as follows: "The mission at the 104th currently is to provide air dominance with the F-15 fighter, which is designed to perform air-to-air missions."

"The Condor and Yankee [N.H.] MOAs allow for overland, low-altitude intercept training, which enhances the training opportunities for our pilots, allowing for increased capabilities/proficiency."

Also using Condor and Yankee are F-16s "Falcons" from the Vermont Air National Guard's 158th Fighter Wing in Burlington.

"The F-16 is a 'multi-role' fighter, possessing both an air-to-ground as well as air-to-air mission."

Sound on the ground
For some residents at least, the 104th's conversion will al-

most certainly mean quieter skies.

Those are people who do not live under Condor or the related Visual Flight Rules Training Route 840.

In the past, A-10s, because of their relatively slow (less than 250 knots) speed, were not confined to military training routes and could operate wherever general aviation is allowed.

Their much faster successor, the F-15s, will be confined to those designated airspaces.

But another group of folks may indeed be in the path of still more decibels.

Down in Massachusetts, \$45 million is being spent to make the 104th's Westfield base the hub for F-15 operations in the Northeast United States.

Part of that money is designated for off-base noise reduction, but in recognition that even that much might not be enough, the FAA has put out an offer to purchase 312 homes in the loudest traffic areas (source: WWLP Television).

(Next week: An update on the ANG's proposal to lower the Condor operating floor.)

Bethel

by Nancy Brown



The Foothills Grille & Catering Co. opened in late Decem-

ber at 186 Main Street, just below the railroad tracks in the village. The restaurant is owned and operated by Bethel residents John Hicinbotham and Tori Hicinbotham and serves American style everyday cooking with a local flare. The menu includes handcrafted sandwiches, soups, chili, and salads. The sandwiches are named for local attractions, such as Paradise Hill, the Covered Bridge, the EBR (East Bethel Road), and Goss Pond. For Sunday lunch I chose the Backwoods, a tall helping of bacon, lettuce, and tomato on thick slabs of whole wheat bread. The clam chowder was excellent. A highlight of the meal was a unique cheesy coleslaw. The homemade breads are baked daily. Beer and wine are served daily and on the weekends, mimosa (champagne and orange juice with strawberries) is available. The restaurant is closed Monday and Tuesday. Breakfast is served all day on Saturdays and Sundays starting at 7:30 a.m. Diners can eat in or order take-out. Prices are reasonable. I highly recommend the Foothills Grille & Catering Co. Check out their menu at www.thefoothillsgille.com

The Bethel United Methodist Church flooded on Tuesday, Jan. 26, following heavy rains. Water poured into the dining room, kitchen, and furnace room on the ground floor. Members of AA who were meeting at the church on Tuesday night got the furnace operating and cleaned up most of the water. Servicemaster spent two days cleaning up water and drying the floors. One of the items destroyed was the church's large pulpit Bible.

Geoff Gross, pastor of the Bethel United Methodist Church, was recently certi-

fied for ministry by the District Committee on Ministry of the Mid-Maine District of the United Methodist Church. The District Committee recommended to the Board of Ordained Ministry that Gross be a licensed local pastor for the United Methodist Church.

Sympathy is extended to the family of Robert Swain, who passed away on Jan. 30 at the Hospice House in Auburn.

Craig Davis has returned home from Maine Medical Hospital, Portland, after undergoing cardiac procedures.

Do you have news? Send it to nancybrown1150@yahoo.com or call 824-2483.

East Bethel

by Wally Ritz



Boy, this week sure went by fast, yet Friday night was a long night for the neighborhood and it sure got pretty cold, huh? It was a long time with no power on such a cold, windy, and also a full moon, night. Brrr, time to think spring.

Mona Coolidge wants us to know that she now is an Avon sales representative. So, give her a call at 824-2798.

The word out and around is that people really should go out and vote on Feb. 9 concerning the Police Department issue. Whatever your view, here's your chance to vote and let your voice be heard.

Sue Fiske called me the other day with her correct answer to the Trivia question. The Indian Raid took place on Aug. 3, 1781. Look for the new Trivia question in the next Bethel Citizen and, please don't be shy to call 824-3220 or e-mail han@megalink.net with your answers in the future. The same applies to news, tips or info you want to share.

From the Bethel Police Log:

Sunday, Jan. 31

At 1:10 a.m. Officer Anthony Keach met with a subject at a business regarding theft of his bib overalls, which he said contained his wallet and a prescription. There were no witnesses.

At 12:23 p.m. Officer Rusty Daley responded to a residence for a child custody issue. A parent had taken two children out of state without the knowledge of the other parent. The officer advised the complainant regarding his options.

At 11:20 p.m. Officer George Gould responded to a residence to assist an elderly subject who had fallen. Bethel Rescue then arrived.

Saturday, Jan. 30

At 12:45 a.m. Officer Anthony Keach responded to Mechanic Street for a report of a group of subjects fighting in the street. A group of 8 to 10 males was located. One had a scratch on his forehead. All said they just wanted to go home. The officer then met with the owner of a nearby business, who said the group had assaulted some of his customers. The officer said there had been no report of that from dispatch.

Friday, Jan. 29

At 2:54 p.m. Officer George Gould responded to the Skillings Road for a report of a tree that had fallen across the road and damaged power lines. The Fire Department and Central Maine Power responded.

At 3:07 p.m. Officer George Gould responded to Telstar High School for a report of the theft of a \$500 trumpet from the music room the day before. The suspect was described as a student who had attended the school within the past two years, having dark hair and a goatee and wearing a dark colored trench coat. The investigation is ongoing, with the Norway Police Dept. assisting.

Thursday, Jan. 28

At 11:35 p.m. Officer Anthony Keach responded for a report of an unwanted person at a Mason Street residence. The subject had kicked in the door. The subject was arrested for criminal trespass and criminal mischief.

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West Bethel



by
Lorrie Hoeh

We went to the movies on Thursday evening and had a big surprise when we came out. While we watched the flick, Mother Nature sent a serious snow squall with lots of wind to these parts. We heard tell of cars off the road, etc., and there was certainly a lot of snow to wade through in the parking lot. We proceeded home on Route 2 very cautiously, because the going was slippery, and we did not want to be another statistic.

At the same time, the WinterFest Rail Jam was taking place on lower Main Street downtown. From all the talk we heard, it was great fun, both for participants and for the spectators, nasty weather to the contrary notwithstanding. In fact, all WinterFest activities went on pretty much as scheduled, with repairs having been made to the snow maze, the sliding hill, the skating rink, etc. Just goes to show ya, Mainers are tough!

Friday night Mike and I were watching a movie on DVD at home, when about part of the way through, the power went out. All afternoon the power had flicked out from time to time, but usually for only a few seconds before it came back on. This time, however, it was out nearly four hours. We lit some kerosene lamps, got out the headlamps for reading, then decided to declare bedtime about a half hour later. Of course, in the morning we had to re-set all the digital clocks, which is how we knew the duration of the outage.

Next morning some of the wind's work was immediately visible in our back yard, where a dead yellow birch we'd been meaning to have cut down had been put to rest by a strong gust. Martha and Kirk later helped us clear that away. There are also several large white pines littering our "nature trail"

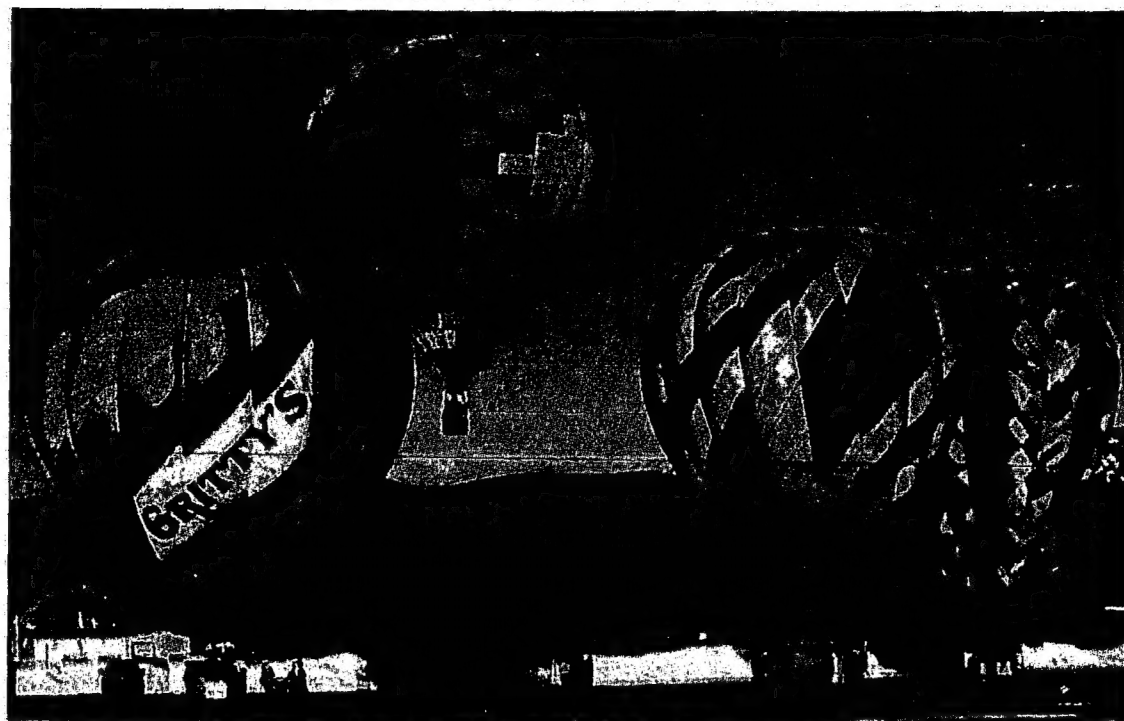
along the brook, making passage impossible. A Sunday morning walk down the forest road revealed further casualties, with three or four large pines lying across the road at various spots, not to mention the debris of pine cones, needles, twigs, etc. There won't be much snowmobiling or skiing unless and until we get a lot more snow.

The Pleasant Valley Grange met last Thursday at the home of Rupert and Ina Grover. The Grange building on Route 2 is just too difficult to heat in the dead of winter, so Ina has kindly volunteered their home to be a surrogate Grange venue for the season. A goodly number of folks attended, bringing the usual delicious potluck offerings, and enjoying great camaraderie.

Last Saturday was the occasion of the Sassi Memorial Freestyle cross-country ski race at Black Mountain in Rumford. High schools from all over Maine participated, many of the skiers competing to qualify for the New England J2 championship race, which will take place in Jackson, N.H., the first weekend in March. There were young men and women from grades 9 through 12 racing, but it was the 14- and 15-year-olds who were in it for the J2 qualifier (20 boys and 20 girls from the state of Maine). By the way, Chisholm Ski Club is to be commended for creating great conditions on the race course.

The parking lot was crowded with 15 or 20 school buses, and the lodge was wall-to-wall teenagers in skinny ski suits. It was a beautiful, sunny day, albeit very cold (-13 degrees according to the Chisholm Ski Club), and it was exciting to watch the intrepid skiers do their 5 km (3 miles) rounds. Of course, we were there to watch our granddaughter, Molly Siegel, compete, and we were thrilled to see her come in ninth overall among 167 girls and second in her J2 category. Guess we'll have to go to Jackson.

Our weekend came to a very pleasant conclusion when we attended the matinee performance of "Visiting Mr. Green" at the Public Theatre in Lewiston. We saw Al and Jackie Cressy there, too, as well



A COLD, BUT BEAUTIFUL FLIGHT—Hot air balloons provided rides at the Bethel Airport Sunday morning, on the last day of the Bethel WinterFest.
(Photo: Randy Autrey)

as Joanne Morse, another senior player, and her husband, Earl. The play was very well done, providing both laughter and tears, and social and ethical commentary. If you get a chance, do go. Performances tonight at 7 p.m., Friday and Saturday nights at 8 p.m., and Sunday matinee at 2.

Still looks like winter out there, and Groundhog Day was to have been sunny, so I guess winter won't be over for a while. Sure could use some snow, though. Stay well, stay warm, be in touch. dhoeh@megalink.net; 836-3011.

Hanover



by Clem
Worcester

The area did not escape problems from the ice/rain/windstorm that came on

Jan. 24 and 25. Roads were very slick until the temperatures got above freezing. One motor vehicle crash occurred on Main Street in Hanover. Police, Med-Care Ambulance and Rumford Fire Department responded and one injured person was transported to a hospital.

The heavy rains caused

some street flooding and many basements got water in them. The winds toppled some trees but we heard no reports of power outages. Another big windstorm blew through the area last Thursday and Friday when temperatures returned to below zero.

How is your doggie? During January many dog owners who got past the end-of-the-year license deadline came to take advantage of the month of grace. It is too late now. Those who missed the Jan. 31 deadline will now be obliged to pay a \$15 late fee on top of regular fees. Animal Control Officer Ozzie Hart was in Hanover recently investigating reports of a vicious dog.

The property owners in the Hanover Pines subdivision have formed a property owners' association. A contractor has been hired to do winter maintenance on roads.

Joan Tucker is leaving her Hanover home. Joan has been in Hanover for a few years after selling her Rumford Corner home where she raised her family. While in Hanover she has been a trustee at Gardner Roberts Memorial Library and served on the Hanover Appeals Board. Joan also took special care of the flowers and grounds around the Town Office. All her Hanover friends and neighbors will miss her as she moves to her childhood hometown of Norway.

Remember, take care of your

trees and your forest will take care of you.

Gilead



by
Lin Chapman

It was nice to have the wind go away after all the problems it caused

this past Friday and Saturday. We woke up at 5:30 a.m. on Friday to no power and it was off for about two hours. Later in the morning the power was out for another couple of hours and then again for several hours in the evening. Saturday morning started out the same way. After a few hours, the power came on and the wind died down so that was the end of it for this time anyway. All the outages were on the North Road and were due to broken branches. The power for the town of Gilead comes up the North Road.

My brother, Steve McLain, has no news to report for this week's column. Maybe next week!

The Democratic Caucus was held at the Town Office this past Sunday. There was a small turnout.

I saw Joe Boudreau this past weekend and he told me that he had just become a great-grandfather for the first time. The new great-grandson's name is Liam Gabriel Semionoff.

Gilead Historical Society
Robert and Judy Bishop

from Yarmouth were in town last Friday. Since he is the new treasurer for the Gilead Historical Society, he had to meet with Bill Tout to pick up all the paperwork. Many thanks to Bill for serving as the treasurer since the GHS began in 2004.

Hugh and I met with Howard and "Stevie" Reiche last Saturday at Market Square Restaurant in South Paris. We had to pick up some materials for the Gilead Historical Society from them.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

Upton



by
Laurie Brown

Today, Feb. 1, is windy, wild and cold. Waiting to see if the groundhog

sees his shadow tomorrow.

The first meeting of Upton's historical society was well attended. They will hold another meeting this month to continue their work and maybe hold an election of officers for the organization.

I will be happy to use my column to announce the name and platform of any candidate hoping to be elected at March's Town Meeting—for any of the vacant positions. E-mail me at lauriebrown400@gmail.com if you'd like voters to have the chance to know you're running and why.

Ernest, a little birdie told me that there would be homemade donuts at the Ladies Aid breakfast on Feb. 7. (8 to 11 a.m.).

There's a road (and a dam) between Route 26 and East B Hill. Since I was a kid, I thought it was spelled like the tree—Poplar. My Maine Atlas spells it "Popla" and the snowmobile trail signs spell it "Popple." Do you know any other spellings? Do you know what it was "back in the day"? Has it remained the same?

Thanks for any info you can give me. I haven't been successful looking it up on the Internet.

Mahatma Gandhi said, "The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong."

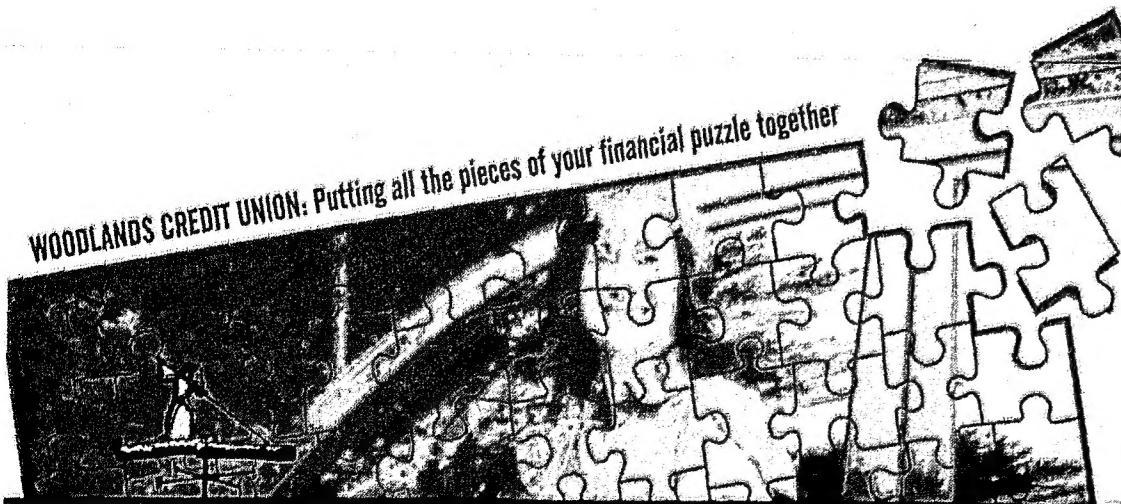
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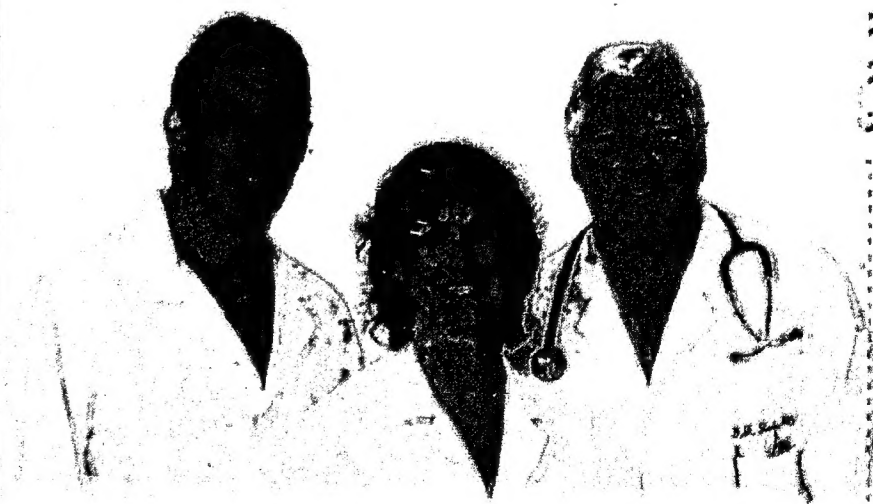
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Andover



by Melinda Averill
Hello Andover friends. We lost our power last Friday during the heavy windstorm.

A couple of large trees were down by Carol Morton's, and also around the square by the Freeman's, so needless to say there was no way out except going up to Upton! I was just getting ready for work at about 1 when it went out. I made it down the road, so the trees must have come down after that. When I arrived back home a little after midnight, my trustee friend from CMP said the power would be on in about 30 minutes, and he was right-on to the minute! They were still down the road working!

I wish I knew his name; he comes in the store when he's in the area (we usually kid around about me being famous — a.k.a. Bethel Citizen!)

I would like to send my condolences to the family of Robert Swain, of East Andover, who passed away on Saturday, Jan. 30. Robert moved to East Andover when he was 2 years old, marrying, raising his family, working at his father's dowel mill. He left in 1942 to enlist in the Army Air Corps. In later years was proud to have attended, along with his late wife, Violet, 15 reunions of his World War II squadron, including the final one in Texas in 2006. Robert is survived by their three sons, Robert J. II and wife Kay of Lexington, Ky., Rodney of Vermont, and Ross B. and fiancée Christine Greenleaf of Roxbury Pond; Also six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Funeral services with Military Honors will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 6, at the First Congregational Church in Andover.

Hard to believe that its February already; the days are longer which is nice. Now we

need some snow!
Happy birthday this week to Ashley Hall on Feb. 9.

Next weekend, Feb. 13, is the annual ice-fishing derby at Roxbury Pond.
Enjoy the weekend!

Newry



by Sylvia Harrington
My friend Susan Kilduff from Salisbury, Mass., arrived Friday afternoon. We had much to catch up on so decided not to go out for supper and dined at home.

On Saturday, after lunching at home with Mark, a treat of Susan's from Isabella's, we headed off to Marden's in Rumford. Susan had never shopped at a Marden's store and bought a few tool-type things to take home to her husband, Fran. During the evening we watched a movie on TV, which we both enjoyed, while doing a bit of knitting, chatting and eating sweets.

I was sorry to see her leave on Sunday morning, as there was still much we had hoped to do; such as driving out to Sunday River, having a crepe at the Cabana and then a drive for a visit with Sandee Dunn. I am hoping Susan will be back again this winter to do the things we missed. I do think when she does we will go to Marden's again — don't tell daddy!

At the Bear River Trading Post live bait for fishing is now on hand. They are also selling raw milk from the cows of Phil Bailey of Andover. Gas, coffee and snacks along with gloves and warm outdoor wear is also being sold. Give the BRTP a call at 824-2327 if you have questions.

Claire and Cassidy with Debbie were in Bethel to enjoy lots of the winter activities; both children went through the maze. Claire made it through in six minutes — congratulations!

Windy Valleys SC trail conditions can be obtained by calling Leon Dunn at 824-3335, Ed Powers at 739-9618 or Brad Wight at 824-2288. At this time the trails are not passable un-



til we get some snow. In the meantime call the above three fellows for updates.

East Andover



by Joan Stinson-Carney
Guess what, it's Sunday, Jan. 31, and it's not snowing. I can't be-

lieve it!

East Andover resident Ted-

dy Conrad is having knee

surgery this week. Cards and

prayers would be nice.

East Andover resident Robert B. Swain passed away Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010. A funeral

service with Military Honors will be held Saturday, Feb. 6 at 1 p.m. at the Andover Congregational Church, with reception following. Visiting hours will be Friday from 1 to 3 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Meader & Son Funeral Home, 3 Franklin Street, Rumford.

The East Andover Community Club will meet on Monday, Feb. 8, at the Calvary Bible Church.

This seems to be the year that we lose authors. "Catcher In The Rye" author JD Salinger died this last week. I read that book a long time ago; guess I'll have to read it again. I just finished reading "I, Alex Cross" by James Patterson. Mr. Patterson said on a TV commercial that if you didn't read this book, he would have to kill off Alex Cross. Well as far as I'm concerned, he can

NEW PHYSICAL ASSISTANT AT BFHC
The Bethel Family Health Center will welcome a new medical provider in February. Meredith (Merry) Moses, PA-C is a physician assistant who will provide medical care to patients at the health center. Moses recently completed the Yale University School of Medicine Physician Assistant Program in Connecticut. For her undergraduate degree, she obtained a Bachelor of Art degree in literature from Colgate University, N.Y. in 1992. In addition, she obtained a Master of Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine degree from the New England School of Acupuncture, Mass. in 2003. Her areas of clinical interest include family practice and emergency medicine. Moses joins two physicians, Richard DeCarolis, DO and Kevin Finley, DO as well as physician assistant, Jan Whitworth, PA.

go ahead and do it. I give it a D+.

I'm so glad that the Andover Public Library has such a good selection of new books. I don't know what I'd do without it and I'm not the only one.

My mother, Marjorie Stinson, spent last weekend in Stoneham with my sister, Donna, and brother-in-law, David. She had a great time playing cards, making pineapple upside down cake (uck), eating, and getting into all sorts of trouble that you will have to ask her about. I spent the weekend cleaning house, going out for Chinese food, cleaning house, tending to the "twins," reading, and cleaning house.

Can you tell by this column that I really don't have very much to write about? Oh well....
See 'ya.

Greenwood City



by Wayne Hakala
The squirrel multiplied! There are three out there now.

Expect they are in the rabbit family. I will have to dig out the shed to get the trap! Just might have to relocate them up on Crazy Knoll.

There are Scholarship Applications available at the Telstar Guidance office. This is for the Jackson-Silver Post 68 Scholarship. Also they are

available by e-mail from jacksonsilverpost68@roadrunner.com.

Wednesday's Bingo, a friend of the Legion to play, John, has been having good luck at the other games. Well he sure didn't Wednesday eve. At least I don't recall printing out a check for him. But then John was able to check out the ladies. John is a true "Retired Swabbie." One in every port and at each train station! Come again friend.

There are several events coming up at the Post and will elaborate more later. Also Elden has told me he is going to join the Legion again and be active. Wicked good.

Goodwin's new home is buttoned up and looks ready. Don't know as that outfit has done the remaining items that are supposed to be done.

Will write more next week and do it before the useless Supper Bowl!

Bryant Pond



by Alice Hoyt
Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday school at 9:15, morning worship at 10:30, evening service at 6:30. Wednesday evening at 5:30 is youth group and 6:30 is prayer meeting.

Looking ahead, Saturday, Feb. 13, is Men's Prayer Breakfast and Saturday, Feb.

27, is Ladies Bible Study. The program at the Whitman Memorial Library is Thursday, Feb. 11, at 2 p.m. Guest speaker is Hugh (Cubby) Swan telling the story of a world famous traveling hobo who journeyed all over the world mostly by train. A wooden shingle has been found in Bethel. Everyone is welcome to attend, no charge and light refreshments.

The Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet (today) Thursday, Feb. 4, at the Town Conference Room. There will be a potluck dinner with each one bringing a dish to share plus their own place setting. Beth Hoover will show her rug she made from old t-shirts and tell how to make it. New members always welcome. Meeting starts at 11:30.

Judith Grover tent 17 DUVOW will meet on Monday, Feb. 8, at the home of Alice Hoyt for a regular meeting. Valentines will be written for nursing homes.

Historical Society
The Historical Society will meet on Saturday, Feb. 6, 6 p.m. at Market Square Health Care Center, South Paris. Sandwiches will be followed by a meeting and program.

West Paris



by Joyce Lamb
The sun is shining and the sky is blue and the temperature is 52. My son-

in-law, Bill, is trimming his shrubs and rosebushes and fertilizing them too. Daughter Wendy is putting in her three hours greeting visitors at the small, local Historic Museum downtown. And I am here in a big, sunny window with beautiful hills all around. The two cats, small, black Pascal and big, fluffy white and black Chester, are keeping me company, doz-

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The seasons here on the West Coast are ahead of those in Maine. Many green blades are poking up in the several flowerbeds; crocuses, daffodils, jonquills, and hyacinths. Birds are beginning to return, even two bluebirds were spotted nearby. As this is the rainy season, the farm pond in front of the house is overflowing to the irrigation pond below. This attracts a few small ducks nearly every day. Bill's many raised vegetable beds are still resting; they are fenced in to keep the deer out. The berry bushes are topped with fencing material to keep the birds away from the blueberries, marionberries, and raspberries. The hothouse is being readied for starting vegetables, for they grow most of their own food.

The grand opening to celebrate the new addition at the West Paris library will be held on Saturday, Feb. 6 at 2 p.m. (the snow date is Sunday, Feb. 7). There will be speakers, children's stories, music and refreshments. All are invited! I'm sad that I won't be in town to join in the festivities but am looking forward to using the enlarged space when I return home.

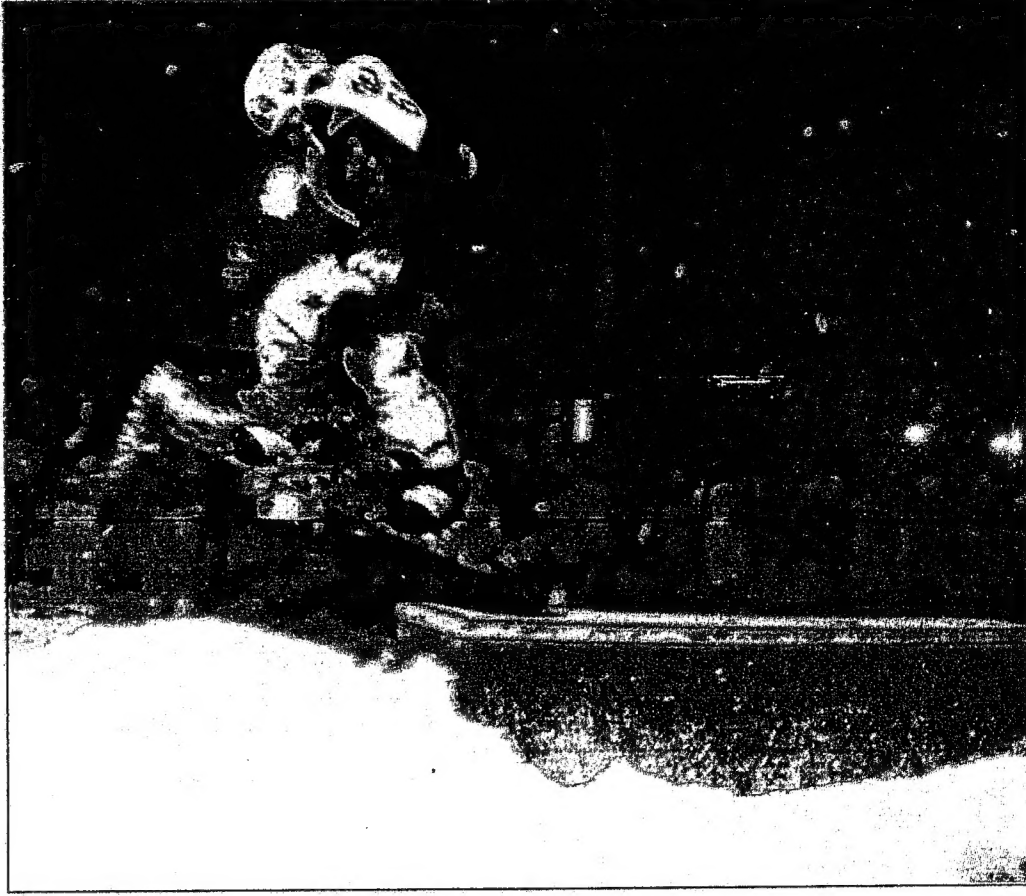
At the West Paris Universalist Church on Sunday, Feb. 7 at 9 a.m., the Reverend Richard Beal will speak on "The Commonwealth of God," the third in the series of Forest Church's book "The Cathedral of the World: A Universalist Theology." Jim Burke is organist. A coffee hour follows the service.

On Friday, Feb. 26, a potluck supper will be held at the West Paris Universalist Church at 6 p.m. Join us for the sake of getting out and getting together. There will be a potluck supper on the fourth Friday of each month



RAIL JAMMIN'
On Thursday evening, several hundred spectators watched two dozen skiers and snowboarders compete in a free-style Rail Jam on Main Street in Bethel. Snow was trucked in earlier in the day for the 150-foot-long course, built near the Sudbury Inn. The competitors took turns riding rail elements down the course and performing twists and spins for the judges. A snow squall blew through during the event. The winners of the top three spots for snowboarders were Chris Lee of Brookline, Mass., Zack James of Portland and Greg Ken- naugh of Bethel. Among the skiers, it was Sam Parker of Bethel, Curtis Bolduc of Rumford and Richie Paradise of Cran- more, N.H.

(Photos: A. Aloisio)



at 6 p.m. as long as people want to come. There will be no charge and all are welcome, so mark your calendar now and join us.

It is beginning to look like spring here on the West Coast. Before long I will return to the reality of snow and cold in Maine.

Muffin is doing well visiting with Cisco and Izzy.

Mason



by Richard Grover

We had more excitement in Mason last weekend than we really wanted. It

began Friday afternoon, when our electric power went off at about 4:30 p.m. While this was

not unexpected, what with our awful wind and cold temperatures, the fact that the power did not soon come back on was. I started our small generator in order to run the furnace, refrigerator, water pump and provide an outlet for a light and to plug in an electric hotplate. Shortly, we received a phone call from Ina, telling us that the Applin's reported to her that a tree was across the Kings Highway a short distance down from Dan Grover's driveway.

Friday evenings Mona and I usually go to Pat's Pizza for supper, so I decided to drive down and cut the tree out of the road so we could drive to town. When I got to the top of the Mailbox Hill (the first hill on Kings Highway, where we used to have our mailboxes), sure enough, there was a good

size fir tree extending all the way across the road, and severed electric wires lay on the ground. The next thing that caught my eye was smoke, and then small flames, rising from the snowbank at the base of the electric pole at the crest of the hill. Then I noticed several other small smoky places where sparks kept crackling, and I also noted a tangle of electric wires lying on the snowbank and scattered on the road surface most of the way down the hill. Every place where the wires crossed each other was sparking and smelled of burned insulation. There was even one sparking place at the top of the pole, where the circuit breaker for some reason failed to open, leaving the wires obviously hot. In one place the hot wires reached nearly all the way

across the road, making it unsafe for any vehicles to drive by.

At the bottom of the hill, blocking the road, sat Marshall Fleet's pickup truck with lights and emergency flashers on to alert drivers to the dangers in the road. I phoned Lawrence Grover to see if he had a chain saw I could use to cut the tree. He did, so I walked over to borrow it, meeting him just getting into his pickup truck. We then drove over to the foot of the hill, walked up and cut the fir tree out of the road, except for a small section of the top. That we left in the middle of the road to alert any drivers coming down the road to the dangers ahead. At least, we figured that much would save CMP some time when they got around to our outage. We were stranded, with no way of driv-

ing to town until CMP came and repaired the damage.

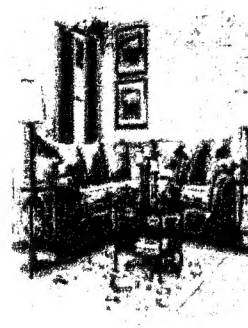
I went home to a bowl of soup, warmed on a hotplate, for supper, a poor substitute for pizza! The power finally clicked back on at about 11:20 p.m. In the morning daylight we could see that the light pole had a considerably blackened area at its base where the wire tried to burn down the pole. The pole is still standing.

Sunday evening about 8 p.m. we received a phone call from daughter Katrina saying that granddaughter Carrie Phelps's husband, Neil, had just been in a bad car accident near the bottom of the Kings Highway, and that the Bethel ambulance had been toned out, which she just heard on her scanner. Neil had been on his way up to see

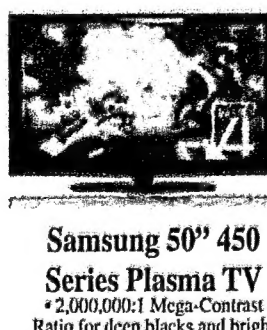
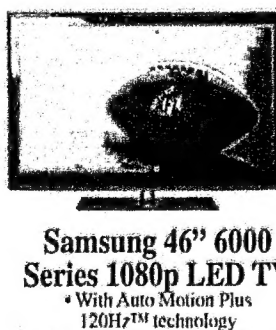
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Matt.

I took a large flashlight and drove down to see if there was anything I could do and to see how Neil was. I found a number of vehicles and people blocking the road just around a gentle curve just to our side of John Applin's driveway. Neil's car, only two or three weeks old, had been struck almost head on at the driver side front wheel and knocked clear up on top of the four-foot-high snowbank. EM's David Hanscom and Robert Hopper were attending to Neil, who was suffering considerable intermittent pain.

The other car had come around the curve in the opposite direction and had drifted over into Neil's lane and sat against the snowbank next to Neil's car. I shined my light on the car tracks in the gravel, where the car had come around the corner, with no evidence of skid marks, as if the driver had been distracted or inattentive. The tracks were straight as an arrow from the opposite side of the road to where the car sat against the snowbank as if following its trajectory just before the end of the curve. The driver, whom I did not recognize, was unhurt.

When the ambulance arrived, they determined that Neil's injuries were serious enough that he should be life-flighted to Lewiston's CMMC Hospital.

Preliminary X-ray results show that Neil has no broken bones, but further evaluations will be conducted to determine whether other series injuries might be in evidence. He has lots of bumps and bruises.

Waterford



by Rockie Graham

Well we've made it past mid-winter — the first cross-quarter day

— so we should be spiraling toward spring. Of course you can't tell it by this week's cold weather, but that is all the more reason for optimism. The days have been sunny mid-day even if the mornings and nights have been cold. This too shall pass

and before we know it spring will be with us.

For us that means that we will be moving or preparing to move into our new home. I mean, they've been tearing the old one down, next is the foundation and then rebuilding. We will be a little like the phoenix, rising from the ashes.

Missed all the mid-winter festivities. Had to read about it in the papers, maybe next year.

Right now I am scheduled to get my knee repaired. I just read the paper they sent and it says if I have a cold they won't do it, so I may have to put it off for a few weeks. We shall see. Maybe by Friday my cold will be gone and it will happen anyway.

Mountain Poets decided last week after much thought that we will try and meet Sundays at 4 p.m. During the winter months, we will meet on the second Sunday of each month at Fare Share Commons. All are welcome. That means that our first Sunday meeting will be on Sunday, Feb. 14, Valentine's Day. Come with your best or favorite love poem and prepare to have an enjoyable time.

The Waterford Knitting Group has started up again on the first and third Mondays of the month at 2 p.m. at the Waterford Library. All are welcome, even those relearning like myself.

For now, the Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families is still meeting at the Waterford Library every Tuesday at 10 a.m. FMI call Rockie at 739-9115. We may have to change to a more accessible location if my walking doesn't improve.

I want to thank everyone for all their support, both monetary and the guys and women helping tear the house down. The Masons of Maine have been very nice. Thank you also to Frank and Roberta, Beth, Gail, Danny, Darrel, Leo, John, Garret and the many others. We appreciate all of your support. We couldn't make it without you all.

Time to stop for tonight. Hope I didn't forget someone who feels left out. I don't mean to. Have a great beginning of the journey to spring. Hope to see you all when we get there.

From the

Bethel Rotary Club

The Bethel Rotary Club recently donated \$2,000 toward earthquake relief efforts in Haiti.

The club gave \$1,000 to Hope Village in Haiti, and \$1,000 to the Konbit Sante Haiti relief organization, based in Portland.

Hope Village was founded and is operated by Father Marc Boisvert, a native of Lewiston.

The village provides a home and education for homeless children of Haiti.

The Rotary funds will go toward emergency high nutrition foods to feed children in the orphanage, and the increasing number of children coming to them from the earthquake.

For more information on Hope Village, go to www.freethekids.org. Father Boisvert has a blog on the website that he updates every day with pictures and text about how they are coping with earthquake victims, etc.

He is now looking to purchase an x-ray machine that could be hooked up to a computer and the x-rays read from anywhere in the world.

The Konbit Sante Cap-Haitien Health Partnership is a Maine-based volunteer partnership to save lives and improve healthcare in northern Haiti, according to the organization's website.

Rather than developing a second, parallel health system, Konbit Sante works with the Haitian Ministry of Health and with Haitian colleagues to build capacity within the public system for Haitians to care for Haitians.

For more information go to <http://healthyhaiti.org/index.php>.

From

Western Mountains Senior College

Something new to warm up cold winter evenings takes place on Friday, Feb. 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethel Congregational Church — a WMSC Square Dance Evening! This special event is for members

but non-members who plan to join are welcome.

Walter Brough will call the introductory square dancing and promises a sample of folk, round and contra dancing. The Virginia Reel is also on his list. Previous experience is not needed, just the will to participate in a "swing your partner, stomp your feet" evening, which may also include a little sing-along.

The fee for the evening is \$5 for couples and \$2.75 for singles. For planning purposes, please call Beth Brough at 875-2216 or e-mail her at bwbrough@megalink.net if you plan to attend.

Heart Month Program

"For Every Heart, There is a Story" will be presented by Dennis Whitley, Maine Heart Association, on Thursday, Feb. 25, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Bethel Congregational Church. Although largely preventable, heart disease remains the number one killer of women in the U.S. Ms. Whitley will discuss how women can connect with each other, educate and empower themselves and make choices to reduce their personal risk.

This program, planned by the To Your Health committee of WMSC, is offered in response to numerous requests for more information about women and heart disease.

The program is open to the public free of charge. Refreshments available. FMI call Rosabelle Tift at 824-2053.

From

Pinhook Meeting House Society

The Pinhook Meeting House Society would like to thank the following people for bulbs purchased for our Christmas Tree last year (2009).

In Memory of: Richard and Margaret Cole for Flora and Herman Cole, Virginia and Everett Cole, James and Elizabeth Knights, Jackie Knights, Sylvia Knights, Betty Abbott, Herbert Dunham, Gerald Gammon, Robert Davis; Musa and Nancy Brown for Eva Swan, Maggie Ring, Hope Tibbets, Brenda Wodka; Clyde Knights for James and Elizabeth Knights, Jackie Knights, Sylvia Knights; Linda Tyler for

Emma and Lee Billings; Tony and Ruth Hebert for Robert Davis; Ken and Chris Lindsey for Robert Davis, Lloyd Davis; Velma Scribner for Erland Scribner; Frank and Christine Campbell for James and Elizabeth Knights, Arla and Abby Campbell, Mary Knights; Paul McInnis for Paula Goodspeed, Robert Davis.

Sue Silver for Lee and Emma Billings; Annela Burnham for Raymond Burnham, Belva Burnham; Don and Andrea Hoyt for Mr. and Mrs. Waland Hoyt, Porter and Verena Swan, Augusta Yates; Jennie and Cliff Davis for Gerald Gammon; Lois Gammon for Gerald Gammon; Craig Gammon for Gerald Gammon; Ed die and Jackie Gammon for Hope Tibbets, Linwood Hanson, Brenda Wodka, Margaret Ring, Betty Abbott, Robert Davis, Gerald Gammon; Norma Davis for Robert Davis, Lloyd Davis, Edgar and Lettie Davis, Hazen and Clover Emery, Betty Abbott.

In Honor of:

Eddie and Jackie Gammon for Roland Lord, Herschel Abbott, Evelyn Bean, Bryan and Martha Huff and Family.

The monthly hymn sings will start up again in March or April the last Friday of each month. Thanks to all who attended in 2009.

If there is a question, please call Norma Davis at 665-2281.

From

Bethel Historical Society's Regional History Center

Randall H. Bennett, executive director of the Bethel Historical Society, announced recently that the second installment of a \$30,000 grant has been received to support the Development office of the society.

The office, established in 2008 with the support of the Betterment Fund and a \$15,000 grant from the Davis Family Foundation, was part of the strategic planning process of the society. Since that time a director of development, James Dock, has been added to the staff, and much progress made in the fundraising capabilities of the organization.

"The support from the Bet-

terment Fund has been an important component in moving ahead in this direction," Bennett observed in making the announcement, "and it puts us on the road to advance the society forward in significant ways. "We are indeed grateful for this gift and are anxious to continue working with the trustees of the Betterment Fund over the next year to ensure the greatest possible success," he added.

The Betterment Fund was created for charitable purposes by the will of the late William Bingham, 2nd.

From

Maine Handicapped Skiing

This weekend, Maine Handicapped Skiing is conducting its fifth annual Veterans/No Boundaries program for military veterans and active duty personnel with physical disabilities. Twenty-five participants are expected at this year's event February 4 through 8, 2010 at Sunday River. The veterans and their guests will enjoy a long weekend of alpine and Nordic skiing, snowshoeing and snowmobiling. This year's program also includes an alpine racing component, during which the MHS adaptive alpine race team will mentor veterans during on-mountain drills and fun races. All lessons, equipment, meals and other entertainment free of charge to the veterans and their guests.

As with all MHS programs, Veterans/No Boundaries is free to all participants. Since the program was founded in 2004, this has been made possible through the generosity of various donors and sponsors, as well as by the efforts of dozens of volunteer instructors, guides and medical attendants. Sunday River has provided lift tickets, discounted lodging and a dinner at the North Peak Lodge for this year's program. The Sunday River Cross Country Center at Wilderness House has also donated lodging, trail passes and program support. Numerous other local businesses, clubs and individuals have contributed meals, lodging discounts, snowmobiling and evening entertainment for this year's program. Veterans/No Boundaries receives additional financial support from Disabled Sports USA, the Wounded Warriors Project and US Paralympics.

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AA MEETINGS

Bethel Freedom Group's Open Discussion Meeting. Saturdays at 4:30 in the Snow Cap Inn conference room, next to the fitness room. Sunday River. Seasonal, Thanksgiving through April 1.

Bethel Freedom Group's Big Book Meeting. Sundays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's 12 Step/Traditions Meeting. Tuesdays at 6pm at the United Methodist Church, Main Street.

Bethel Freedom Group's Open Discussion Meeting. Fridays at 6pm at Bethel United Methodist Church, Main Street.

ADDICTION HELP

Narconon, a nonprofit public benefit organization that specializes in helping people with drug or alcohol addictions offers FREE assessments and more than 11,000 local referrals through the 800 line. Drug addiction can be overcome and Narconon can help. Call (800) 556-8885 or visit www.drugrehab.net.

CANCER WELLNESS

Support and Education for cancer patients, survivors and caregivers. Every Thursday, 1:30-3:00pm. Rumford Hospital, Room 357. (877) 336-7287. Call to confirm during stormy weather.

EXCHANGES

District Exchange Community Thrift Shop accepts donations of in-season clothing in clean, wearable condition only. Drop-off hours and shopping: Monday 1-4pm, Thursday 4-6pm and Saturday, 10am-12pm.

The Woodstock Seventh Day Adventist Church Community Service Center offers assistance to individuals or families with food needs in the South Woodstock, Bryant Pond, West Paris and Sumner areas are invited to call 874-2566, 674-2663, or 665-2226 to learn more details.

HELP FOR THE HOMELESS

Rumford Group Homes, Inc. operates three homeless shelters, a transitional living program for youth 18-21, homeless youth outreach and case management services for adults and children. Emergency shelter includes the South Paris Men's Shelter, the Norway Family Center for women and children in crisis, and the Stratford Ave. Family Center in Rumford. To make a referral or request help in the South Paris area, call 744-4031 or call 369-9439 for help in the Rumford area M-F 8a-4p. For more information on Rumford Group Homes, Inc. call 364-3551 or visit www.rumfordgrouphomes.org.

MENTAL ILLNESS

Beacon House Social Club, 150 Congress Street, Rumford, a drop-in social club for adults suffering with mental, emotional, or physical illness, provides support, relaxation, and socialization. Monday 1 to 5pm; Tuesday 9am-2pm; Wednesday 9am-6pm; Wednesday 3-6pm; Friday 2-7pm; Saturday 11am-4pm. Oxford County Mental Health Services, support for adults and children with mental illness, same location, second floor, open Monday-Friday 8am-4pm. For more information, call 364-3549 or (800) 335-9999, or in off-hours 928-3222.

POST PARTUM

"Meet the Midwives" meets from 5:30-6:30 every first Tuesday of the month, and the Post Partum Support Group meets every fourth Wednesday of the month from 6:30-7:30. The meetings take place at Blue Moon Midwives, 176 Main Street, Norway, directly across from Stephen's Memorial Hospital. For more information, call 207-739-2800 or visit www.bluemoonmidwives.com

REACH

Rape Education and Crisis Hotline 1-800-871-7741. Sexual assault/sexual abuse hotline, same number. Support groups and awareness education, past or present victims of abuse.

VETERANS' SERVICES

Maine Veterans Home, S. Paris, first Wednesday each month, 9-12 noon (743-6300); Career Center in Rumford (364-3718), second Thursday 9-12 noon; Lewiston (795-4580), 29 Westminster St., 7:30am to 4pm, Monday thru Friday, Location: Monday-Sunday School 2:45-4:15pm. Tel. 392-4841.

Events Calendar

9:15 a.m. (Fridays) - **Oxford Hills Duplicate Bridge** at Fare Share Food Coop, 443 Main Street, Norway. For more information, call Les Buzzell at 783-4153 or 754-9153; or e-mail: buzz116@myfairpoint.net.

6:30 p.m. Mondays - **Hillsmen Barbershop Chorus** rehearses at Catholic Church, Norway, New singers welcome. FMI: call Dr. Tere Porter 743-0656 evenings or Pat Fleck at 647-5005.

Tuesdays, 10 to 11 a.m. - **Adult Children of Alcoholics and Dysfunctional Families** (ACOA or ACA) group meeting at Waterford Library (Route 37 across from the Commons). All welcome. FMI call 743-0583.

Tuesdays 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. thru May - **Family Playtime** at Norway Memorial Library for parents/caregivers and children 1 thru 4. Drop-in program. FMI: 743-5308.

Every Wednesday, 7 to 9 p.m. **The Yet To be Named Banjo Club** practices Fare Share Market, 477 Main Street, Norway. Interested banjoists invited to join. Public welcome. FMI: call Alan Hamilton at 875-2680.

First and Third Wednesdays 9 to 12 a.m. - **Veterans' Advocate** will be at Maine Veterans' Home, South Paris on Sept. 2.

Wednesdays 6 to 7:30 p.m. - **People in recovery from alcohol/drug addiction** may need to move to a Next Step group. Open to everyone who feels they may benefit from a change. FMI: call Laurence Austin at 824-4077 (all calls confidential).

Wednesday nights - **TOPS**, take off pounds sensibly, at Bethel Alliance Church from 5:30 to 6 p.m. (weigh in) and meeting from 6 to 6:30 p.m. All welcome. FMI: call 824-3288.

Wednesdays 10 to 11 a.m. - **T'ai Chi** at Ellie's Express and 5 to 6 p.m. at Bethel Family Health Center. Taught by Betsey Foster, MPH. To register, contact Betsey at 875-2426 or BSF@megalink.net.

Thursdays 1 to 3 p.m. - **Cross Country Quilters** of Pine Tree Quilt Guild of Maine meet at Moses Mason House Barn, corner of Broad and Mason streets, Bethel. All quilters welcome. No dues, no rules, just fun. FMI: e-mail Pat McCartney at p.quilts@yahoo.com or call Kathy Thrall at 824-3111.

Thursdays, 1:30 to 3 p.m. - **Cancer Wellness Support Group** support and education for cancer patients, survivors, caregivers at Rumford Hospital, Room 357 (2nd floor). Call (877) 336-7287 (toll free) to confirm during stormy weather.

Second Saturday of month, 6 p.m. - **Woodstock Historical Society** meeting at the Museum.

7 p.m. - **Bethel Snow Twisters**, 208 Walkers Mills Road, meetings First Sunday, thru April.

Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m. - **Story Time for Children** at Bethel Library (story plus craft) with Michele Perejda. FMI: call 824-2520.

6 p.m. on 3rd Thursday monthly - **Support Group for Parents of disabled children** at Crescent Park School. FMI: call Tabatha Steward at 836-2055. No meeting in February (school vacation).

U.S. Census Bureau testing for spring work (\$14.50/hr., 55 cents/mile): Mondays: 10:30 a.m. at Crescent Park School in Bethel; 1 p.m. Newry Town Office; 6 p.m. Telstar High School, Room 113. Tuesdays: 9 a.m. Upton Town Office (by appointment); 2 p.m. old Andover Town Hall, Elm Street; 6 p.m. at University College Rumford/Mexico, 13 Brown Street, Mexico. Wednesdays: 10 a.m. Roxbury Town Hall; and 1 p.m. Rumford Town Hall upstairs auditorium; 6 p.m. Bethel Library. Thursdays: 11 a.m. Lincoln Plantation Town Office, Route 16 (by appointment) and 6 p.m. Hanover Town Office. FMI: (866)-861-2010 or visit www.2010censusjobs.gov for exact dates.

Harvest Gold Gallery, Route 5, Center Lovell, now showing Tree of Life collection by Harvest Gold artist Lynda Rasco-Rudd. Earrings - pendants, rings, charms, bracelets. FMI: 925-6502 or visit www.harvestgoldgallery.com.

Month of February

Public Art Exhibit in windows of Norway Savings Bank Operation Center, Main Street, Norway, will feature pigmented wax painting and multi-media artwork of Western Maine Art

Group (WMAG) artists Heather Westleigh and Daniel Rennie.

Thru Monday, March 1

Bethel Skating Rink (weather permitting) throughout winter at Festival Plaza (empty lot across from Casablanca Cinema 4 and near Bethel Area Chamber of Commerce). Washrooms available at Chamber office during business hours.

Thru Monday, April 19

6:15 to 7:45 a.m. and 2:30 to 7 p.m. - **Winter into Spring Walk 100 Miles in 100 Days** - at Telstar High School sponsored by River Valley Healthy Communities. Walk with a friend or colleague. Pass in record sheets at end of 100 days. FMI, registration materials and more details: call Carol Emery (364-7408) or e-mail rvhcc@gwi.net.

Thursday, Feb. 4

8 p.m. - **"A Prairie Home Companion"** with Garrison Keillor live in HD. First for the show will be beamed live in high-definition at Laura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, Fryeburg Academy. Tickets: \$25 adults and \$20 students. FMI: 935-9232 or visit www.fryeburgacademy.org.

Thursday, Feb. 4 to Monday, Feb. 8

Veterans/No Boundaries, Maine Handicapped Skiing program for veterans and active duty personnel with physical disabilities at Sunday River Wilderness House XC Center and Sunday River Ski Resort. FMI: visit www.skimhs.org or call 824-2440 (Wilderness House) or (800) 639-7770 (Sunday River).

Friday-Sunday, Feb. 5-7

37th annual Snowmobile Ride-in, Newport, Maine, to benefit Pine Tree Camp. Full schedule available at www.pinetreesociety.org.

Saturday, Feb. 6

Wood Ski Day at Carter's XC Ski Center, Bethel. Photo 10 a.m. for oldest, longest, widest and most unique. Wooden Ski Parade. FMI: 539-4848 or visit www.cartersxski.com.

10 a.m. to Noon - **Heart Healthy Eating** program at Oxford Hannaford store sponsored by MaineHealth Learning Resource Center, Stephens Memorial Hospital. Fee: \$5. Registration required (866) 609-5183. FMI: visit www.wmhcc.org.

1 p.m. - **The Met: Live in HD** will be broadcast locally at Laura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center at Fryeburg Academy. Tickets: \$25 adults and seniors, \$17 for students and may be purchased online at www.fryeburgacademy.org or by calling 935-9232.

2 p.m. - **Grand Opening Celebration** of the new addition at West Paris Library (snow date Feb. 7). Program: speakers, A Children's Story, Music, refreshments.

4:30 to 6:30 p.m. - **Annual Fried Clam Supper** at Rock-O-Dundee Rider's Club House, Paine Road, East Oxford. Clams (\$12), haddock (\$11), shrimp (\$11) or combo of two (\$15), chicken fingers (\$8), w/fries, coleslaw, rolls, dessert, beverage. Children's meals adjusted accordingly. FMI: call Suzanne (539-2616) or Ann (539-2322).

6 p.m. - **Andover Republican Caucus** at First Congregational Church, C.E.B. in Andover village. FMI: Paula Smith 392-1921.

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** presents Lyn Dillies, female illusionist, at Grand Summit Resort Hotel, Sunday River. Price: adults \$6 advance or \$8 door, 12 and under \$4/\$6. FMI or advance tickets: (800) 543-2SKI.

Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 6 and 7

9 a.m. to 2 p.m. - **Inside Yard Sale**, Legion Hall, Church Street, South Paris, sponsored by American Legion Auxiliary Unit 72. Tables \$10. To reserve a table or for more information call Diana Rolfe at 743-0435.

Saturdays, Feb. 6, 13, 20, 27

7 to 10 p.m. - **Jones Band** playing old-fashioned dance music at South Paris Legion Hall, Church Street. Adults \$5. Lunch counter open. Sponsored by American Legion Post 72.

Tuesday, Feb. 9

7 p.m. - **Special Town Meeting** at Bethel Crescent Park School to vote on Bethel Police coverage and Fire Station roof repair. FMI: call 824-2669.

4 to 6 p.m. - **Mobilize Maine Work Sessions**, sponsored by Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments at The Bethel Inn Resort's South Dining Room. Identify the region's most promising and marketable assets and develop an action plan. RSVP to AVCOG (783-9186) or alandry@avcog.org.

Wednesday, Feb. 10

11 a.m. - **Bethel Senior Citizens Club** meeting/dinner at West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Speaker: Paul Lapage, candidate for governor of Maine.

12 noon to 6 p.m. - **Red Cross Blood Drive** sponsored by Rumford Area Rotary at Rumford Hospital. Call (800) GIVELIFE or Rumford Hospital (369-1000) to sign up for whole blood or double reds donations.

6 to 8 p.m. - **Fly Fishing for Trout**, with Rod McGarry, at Rising Sun Café, South Paris, sponsored by Mollycodd Chapter of Trout Unlimited. Fly fishers and fly fishing "wannabes" invited.

6 p.m. - **U.S. Census Jobs informational meeting** at Telstar High School library. Make \$14.50/hour plus 50 cents/mile. For testing dates/locations, call (866)-861-2020. Local contacts are Brenda Stickney (3577004) and Deena Bennett (577-8307).

Thursday, Feb. 11

2 p.m. - **Whitman Memorial Library**, Bryant Pond, will have guest speaker Hugh "Cubby" Swan telling about a famous traveling hobo. Open to public at no charge. Light refreshments.

6:30 p.m. - **Patriotic Concert** at Woodstock Elementary School with all students singing and 4th and 5th band students will perform. Free admission.

7 p.m. - **Jose Azel** photographic presentation of pictures of Mt. Washington at Laura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, Fryeburg Academy. FMI: 935-9232 or visit www.fryeburgacademy.org.

Friday, Feb. 12

5:30 p.m. - **Lincoln Day Dinner** sponsored by Oxford County Republican Committee at The Phoenix, Sunday River. Dinner, dancing, auction begin 6:30 p.m. Entertainment by Tony Boffa Orchestra. Special speaker: Ray Richardson. Tickets: \$60/person, \$100/couple, \$350/table of 8. FMI: Harry Faulkner (824-2407) and for tickets: send check payable to Oxford County GOP to Lynn Hamper, 1023 King Street, Oxford, ME 04270.

Saturday, Feb. 13

9 a.m. to 1 p.m. - **Bake Sale** at Bethel Foodliner by Albany Congregational Church to benefit Scholarship Fund.

Annual Ice Fishing Derby at Roxbury Pond.

Spaghetti Supper in Upton to benefit CBC Food Pantry. Price: \$7 adults, \$5 children. Watch for time and place.

7 p.m. - **Performing Trios**, piano, oboe, cello by Beethoven, Resanovic, etc. at Trustees Auditorium, McLaughlin Science Center, Gould Academy, presented by Mahoosuc Arts Council. FMI: 824-3575, e-mail info@mahoosucarts.org or visit www.mahoosucarts.org.

Sunday, Feb. 14

4 p.m. - **Mountain Poets** meet at Fare Share Commons, Norway. All welcome.

Tuesday, Feb. 16

7 p.m. - **Black Diamond Entertainment Series** presents Sue Black, storyteller, at Grand Summit Resort Hotel, Sunday River. Price: adults \$6 advance or \$8 door, 12 and under \$4/\$6. FMI or advance tickets: (800) 543-2SKI.

Library Hours

Andover Library: Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday 1-4:30 pm; Thursday 1-4:30 & 6-8 pm. Tel: 392-4841

Bethel Library: Monday 9-1; Tuesday 1-5; Wednesday 1-8; Thursday & Friday 1-5 Saturday, 9-1. Story Hour Mondays, 10-11 am October to May. Michelle Conroy, Librarian. Tel: 824-2520.

Hamlin Memorial Library, Paris Hill: Tuesday-Friday 11:30-5:30; Saturday 10-2; Wednesday evening, 7-9 pm. Tel. 743-2990

Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond: Tel: 665-2505. Tuesday 1:30-5; Thursday 1:30-7.

West Paris Library, West Paris: Monday 1:30-6; Wednesday 1:30-7; Friday 1:30-6; Saturday 10-2. Patty Makley, Librarian. Tel: 674-2004

Gardner Roberts Memorial Library, Hanover: Wednesday, 9-3; Thursday, 5-8; Saturday, 9-noon.

Upton Library: Tuesday 1-4 (Storyhour 1-2); Saturday 9 Noon.

Items for the Community Calendar

may be brought to The Bethel Citizen Office, E-mailed to news@bethelcitizen.com or faxed 824-2426

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Church Services

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Congregational Church - Hunts Corner, 9:30a.m. Sunday worship and Sunday School at 9am; Pastor Eddie Gammon. Bible Study 6:30 Thursdays at the home of Fernand Coriveau.

ANDOVER

First Congregational Church - Rev. Jane Rich. Sunday morning worship 10 to 11 a.m. followed by brunch. All welcome. FMI - 392-3761.

Calvary Bible Church - Pastor Ken Wagstaff. Sunday School 9:30 - 10:30; Morning worship 10:45 - noon. Wednesday prayer meeting, 6:30 p.m. Rt. 5, South Andover. 392-1121.

BETHEL

Bethel Alliance Church - Rev. Kevin Bellinger, Pastor; Jim Rose, Youth Pastor. Sundays: Sunday school for adults and children at 9 a.m.; Worship Service at 10 a.m.; Kidz Klub (4 yrs.-5th grade) and High School Youth Group (9th-12th grade) at 5:30 p.m. Thursdays: Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th grade) at 5 p.m. For more information, call 824-2289.

Church of the Nazarene - Pastor Chuck Mason, 9:30 am. Sunday School. 10:30 a.m. morning worship. Wednesday evening service in different locations. Call for info. 824-4028 (voice mail) or 824-7289 FMI.

Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, Our Lady of the Snows - 265 Walkers Mills Road (Rt. 26), The Revs. Andrew Dubois and Alfred Jacques. Saturday Mass, 6 pm. Office 364-4556, announcements 824-2933.

Episcopal House Church - Third Sunday of the month, 4 p.m. For details: 824-3932

West Parish Congregational - Rev. Virginia Rickman, 10 a.m. worship, child care available. Prayer, Tuesday, 8 a.m.. FMI call 824-0550.

United Methodist - Geoffrey Gross, Pastor. 10:30 a.m. Sunday worship. Sunday

School, 9:30 a.m.

West Bethel Union - Morning worship and 9 a.m. Sunday School. For information, call 836-3533 or 836-2882. Rev. John Williams.

Pleasant Valley Bible - Pastor Aaron McNally. Sunday Services: Sunday School, 9am; Worship Service, 10am; Ladies Bible study Tuesday, 2:30pm; Small group Bible study, Tuesday 6pm; Awana Club (3-6 grades), Sunday 5-7 pm. FMI 836-3006 or 824-2037.

Church of Christ - at home of Keith Hamel, minister, 507 Walker's Mills Road (Route 26), Bethel. Sunday: Bible class, 9 a.m.; Worship Service 10 a.m. Wednesday: Bible study, 7 p.m.. 824-3577 FMI.

Seventh Day Adventist Fellowship: Meets at the Nazarene Church on Saturdays, on Church Street in Bethel. For more info, call 824-8939.

EAST STONEHAM

Oxford County United Parish Churches in Stoneham and North Waterford - Services at 10 a.m. at the North Waterford Congregational Church (UCC), located on the Five Kezars Road, off Routes 35 & 37, opposite Melby's Market. Services held at North Waterford through the winter months. Choir practice 9am, followed by Bible Study at 9:15am.

GORHAM, NH

Assembly of God - Pastor Paul Levigen. Sunday School 9:30 a.m., Sunday service 10:30 a.m., Sunday evening service 7 p.m.. FMI 603-466-2851.

Gorham Congregational Church - Interim minister Rev. Kent Schneider. Sunday morning worship and church school at 10:30am. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month. FMI 603-466-2136.

LOCKE MILLS

Locke Mills Union - Pastor Sondra Withey. Sunday morning service will begin at 9

a.m. Bible study at the church is every Tuesday at 6:30 pm. Everyone is welcome.

MEXICO

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - 265 Main Street. Worship Service Sundays at 10am. Pres. Peter Beeckel. 364-5881.

NEWRY

Sunday River Christian Ministry: Interdenominational worship with the Rev. Don Coverdale every Sunday 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. at White Cap, on the second floor. For more information, 824-5896 (recording).

NORWAY/PARIS

First Church of Christ, Scientist - Sunday service 10 a.m., Wed. Testimony service 7:30 p.m. 5 Morrill Rd./Rt. 118 (corner to Norway Country Club), Norway. Call 824-4099 FMI or ride.

Trinity Lutheran Church - Route 117, S. Paris. Pastors Kim Marie and Tom Myhre. Sunday School at 9am; Sunday morning service 10:15 a.m. with coffee, refreshments and good fellowship. Bible Study, Wednesdays 7 p.m.

North Paris Federation - Morse Hill Road, North Paris. Sunday Service 8 a.m.. Pastor Bruce Tyner. 674-2968. Singership third Sunday each month alternating with West Paris Baptist Church at 7 p.m..

Oxford Hills Friends (Quakers) - Sunday worship 9:30 a.m. at HOPE Ripley Center, High Street, S. Paris across the park from the Post Office. Call Ursula Brandon at 665-2880 or Sue Reilly at 966-2012 for more information.

Christ Episcopal Church - 35 Paris St., Sunday Services 9 a.m., June-Aug.; Sunday School at 10 a.m. Informal worship at 5 p.m. Sundays. Healing service with communion 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday. Rev. Anne Stanley. Call 743-6782 for more info.

First Baptist Church of Paris

- On the Common at the top of Paris Hill. 10:30 am worship service. Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. Coffee hour follows the service. Fellowship lunch held the first Sunday of each month following worship. Pastor Ron Blake.

St. Catherine's - Saturday 6 p.m. Vigile Mass; Sunday 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Norway - 11am worship. (Sept - June) Child care is provided. Religious education classes 11am-12:15pm. FMI 743-2828.

OXFORD

St. Mary's - Saturday 4 p.m. Vigile Mass. **Our Lady of Ransom:** Sunday 10:30 a.m. Mass.

RUMFORD

St. Barnabas Episcopal Church - Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m. Rev. Tim Parsons, Priest-in-charge. Special holidays will be announced. Stone church at the rotary. **Roman Catholic Church of the Holy Savior, St. Athanasius and St. John** - 125 Main Ave. The Revs. Andrew Dubois and Alfred Jacques. Saturday Mass, 4 pm; Sunday Mass, 9:30 am; Weekday Mass, 8 a.m. Office 364-4556.

RUMFORD CENTER

Praise Assembly of God - Pastor Justin Thacker. Adult and teen Sunday school 9am. Sunday worship service at 10am. Sunday prayer meeting at 6pm. Wednesday night bible study and youth group 7pm. 170 Andover Road. FMI call 364-3856 or see our website at www.praiseassemblyofgod.net.

RUMFORD POINT

Rumford Point Church - Sunday service, Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Sondra Withey.

SUMNER

East Sumner Congregational - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday service, 9 a.m.

WEST PARIS

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Paris - 9 a.m. worship. Rev. Richard Beal. 674-2143.

West Paris Baptist - Sunday Worship 9:15 a.m., Bruce Tyner, Pastor. Sunday School Preschool thru kindergarten 9:45am, Sunday School Grades 1-6, 10:25am. Sunday evening worship 7:00 p.m.; Monday Diaconette meeting first Monday of the month; Tuesday ladies fellowship meets the fourth Tuesday of every month. Tea & Toys Time Bi-Weekly 9:30-11:30am, Adult Choir Wednesday evenings, Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer 7pm, church business meetings the third Wednesday of the month.

West Paris Congregational Church - Linda Kimball, pastor. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.; Sunday School 10 a.m.

WOODSTOCK

Bryant Pond Baptist - Pastor Larry Hodgkins, Sundays: Sunday School 9:15 a.m.; Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.; Evening Service 6:00 p.m.; Wednesdays: Prayer & bible study 6:30 p.m.; Fridays: Youth Group 7-12th grade, 6:30pm

Woodstock Seventh day Adventist - Pastor Richard Wright (207-797-9678), Saturday: 9:20 a.m. Sabbath school. 11 a.m. worship service.

Pinkhook Meeting House (Rt. 232, North Woodstock) - Hymn Sing, last Friday of each month, 7 p.m. All welcome.

Mahoosuc Mountain Friends - a worship group meeting in the unprogrammed tradition of Friends (Quakers) - Sundays, 9:30 a.m. at the Whitman Memorial Library, Bryant Pond. Newcomers welcome. Call Dick Stratton at 824-8669 FMI.

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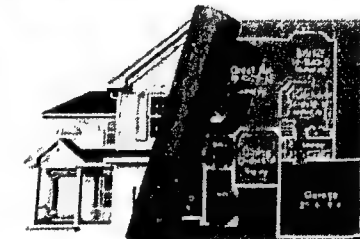
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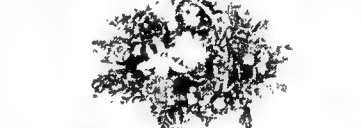
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Sports

High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Telstar 68, Mt. Abram 54; Feb. 1—Telstar scorers: Dan Vaughn 24, Danny Whitney 12, Corey Howard 10; Elek Pew 11; Ben Field 7; T.J. O'Connor 4. Vaughn had a three-pointer.

High School Boys' J.V. Basketball

Mt. Abram 50, Telstar 47; Feb. 1—Telstar scorers: Nick Mills 13; Michael Delduca 10; Ridge Latham 7, Michael Black 6. "Mt. Abram had a three-point shot with three seconds left to beat the Rebels," said Coach David Berry.

Wiscasset 63, Telstar 45, Jan. 29—Telstar scorers: Nick Mills 14, Devin Vail 10, Michael Delduca 8, Lucas Bellanceau 7.

TMS Boys' Varsity Basketball

Telstar 41-Carrabec 34; Jan. 30—Telstar ended their season Saturday at Carrebec with a victory. Josef Holt led the team with 20 points, David Pilgrim added 8 and Tyler Cherkis 4. Good team defense was the key to the win. The team finished the season 8-5.—Coach Tim O'Connor

Dirigo 61, Telstar 45; Jan. 28—Telstar's Josef Holt led the team with 17 points, Austin Ryerson had 11, Zack Mills 4, Cameron Pike 3, and Maverick Griffin, Mike Rodway, Tyler Cherkis, Ryan Vail, and David Pilgrim all scored 2 each.

TMS Girls' Varsity Basketball

Dirigo 33, Telstar 29; Jan. 28—The girls really came out and played their game, trailing only by 3 points in the first quarter, 2 in the second quarter, 3 in the third quarter and 4 points in the fourth. Telstar scorers: Casey Blaszcak 7; Autumn Morin 6; Anna Saucier and Maisey Griffin 2 each; and Hali Barter, Lexi Broomhall, and Kiersten Drapeau each with 2.—Coach Becky Morin

TMS Girls' J.V. Basketball

Dirigo 27, Telstar 22; Jan. 28—Telstar started up in the first

quarter 6 to 2, ended the second quarter 12 to 6, and came back in the third and led the game 20 to 12. The fourth quarter took a turn for the worse, and Dirigo came on strong. Telstar scorers: Becca Howard 7; Savannah Pelletier, Tori Ryerson, and Anna Tyrina 3 each; and Olivia York, Vanessa Godwin, and Kayla Waterhouse each with 2.—Coach Becky Morin

TMS Cross-country Skiing

Telstar's boys, Feb. 2

Boys: 1. Telstar 23:03; 2. FAST 23:52; 3. Maranacook 25:22; 4. Mt. Valley 26:09; 5. Oxford Hills 26:55; 6. Tripp 28:16; 7. Mt. Valley 30:19; 8. Maranacook 31:18; 9. Dirigo 33:18.

Girls: 1. FAST 26:32; 2. FAST 27:01; 3. Tripp 30:30; 4. Maranacook 30:45; 5. Oxford Hills 32:40; 6. Tripp 33:35; 7. Telstar 35:38; 8. Winthrop 37:34; 9. Maranacook 38:44; 10. Tripp 40:44.

Coed: 1. Winthrop 27:47; 2. Telstar 28:57; 3. Dirigo 34:14; 4. Winthrop 39:11; 5. Oxford Hills 40:36; 6. Tripp 40:59; 7. Winthrop 43:00; 8. Maranacook 43:17.

TMS Classic, Jan. 27

Boys: Telstar 25, Maranacook 31, FAST 38, Mt. Valley 79, Oxford Hills 90, Tripp 107, Dirigo 114. Winning time: 7:50. Telstar racers: 4. Caleb Clarke 9:06; 5. Aiden Clarke 9:26; 7. Kyler Walker 9:33; 9. Andrew Siegel 9:58; 22. Max Southam, 11:32; 25. Mitch Lehman 11:42; 32. Jeff Schuyler 12:35; 37. Brendan Stearns 13:17; 41. Liam Gallagher 14:43.

Girls: FAST 13, Maranacook 44, Telstar 50, Tripp 70, Oxford Hills 129. Winning time: 9:40. Telstar racers: 3. Alex Leff 10:47; 7. Rose Goldberg 11:11; 10. Rachael Goldberg 11:38; 30. Ani Imman 15:36.

Biathlon

Clinic and race at Bethel Inn Nordic Center, Jan. 24

5 km.: 1. Aiden Clarke 10:58; 2. Tim Pietraoli 11:29; 3. Caleb Clarke 11:57; 4. Sawyer Smith 12:20; 5. Andrew Siegel 13:03; 6. Eliot List 14:27; 7. Max Coury 17:54; 8. Sam McGrath Holmquist 20:06; 9. Gage Gallati 20:17; 10. Jackson Caruso 23:47; 11. Duncan

Lary 24:53; 12. Nikolas Josephson 31:14.

2 km.: 1. Jason Elhardt 27:23; 2. Tim Coury 27:49; 3. Darrin Lary 28:58; 4. Eric Wilcox 31:00; 5. Landon Fake 31:20; 6. Matt Flanders 32:29; 7. Ian Marshall 34:04; 8. Jesse Ricardi 34:17; 9. Blair Crawford 36:27; 10. Jamie Anderson 37:30; 11. Jeffrey Stack 43:26; 12. Chris Stack 58:15; 13. Carlton Wilcox 58:36.

School Lunch Week of Feb. 8

Telstar/Middle School Lunches

Monday: Popcorn chicken, mashed potato/gravy, whole kernel corn, pizza choices, hot sandwich choices.

Tuesday: Make your own sandwich bar, potato chips-fun chips, macaroni and cheese, hot dogs, pizza choices, hot sandwich choices.

Wednesday: Make your own sandwich bar, italian dunkers carrot and celery sticks, hot sandwich choices.

Thursday: Make your own sandwich bar, oven breaded chicken, rice pilaf, broccoli w/cheese sauce, birthday cake, pizza choices, hot sandwich choices.

Friday: Chinese New Year. Thai noodles, mini egg roll, fortune cookie, shrimp poppers, pizza choices, hot sandwich choices.. Four servings of fruits and vegetables available.

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Wednesday: Italian dunkers, cheesy bread w/meat clipping sauce or quick pick: yogurt, cheesestick, muffin, celery and carrot sticks, sliced pineapple.

Thursday: Oven breaded chicken, rice pilaf or ham and cheese sandwich, broccoli w/cheese sauce, orange slices, birthday cake.

Friday: Chinese New Year. Thai noodles, mini egg roll, fortune cookie, shrimp poppers, seasoned pasta, mixed vegetables, fruit choices.

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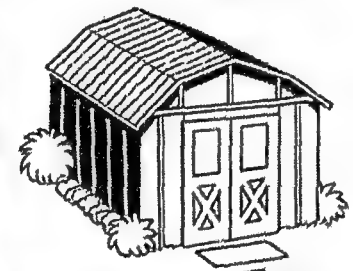
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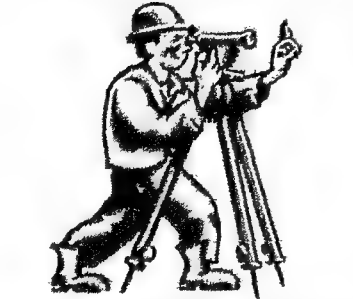
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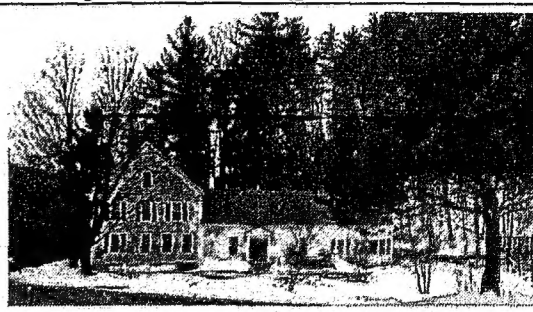
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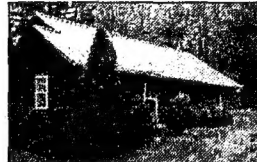
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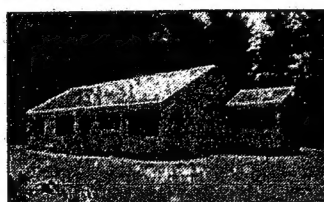
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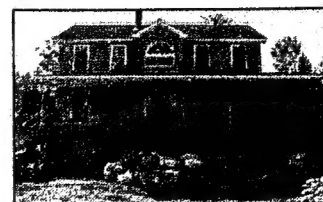
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 Jerry, what's all the fuss about near zero and sub zero degree temps these days, bro? Are we becoming a nation of wusses?!! After all, it's invigorating waking up to minus 2 degrees and a frosty snout.
 Ben, you're usually swathed in Mom's fuzzy comforter & won't get up until she has the wood stove cranking hot with your breakfast buffet prepared & in place!
 JERRY, is nothing sacred? Need I remind you I've an image to preserve, especially with the Ladies out there? Besides, I love the cold, that's why Mom calls me "Snow Bunny Benny"! It is fantastic that we can partake in snowshoeing, snowmobiling, X country & down hill skiing PLUS fantastic outdoor hiking in this spectacularly remarkable community. No wonder people & canines travel from far and wide in an effort to reach our beautiful bounty! Kudos to your infectiously endearing enthusiasm, Little Brother, Ben! Now put your woolies and earmuffs back on before you catch a chill!!!
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